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## THE DECEMBER BOARDS CROWNED WITH HONOR AND SUCCESS

Those of us who witnessed the last H. B. A. Boards that met in joint session on Dec. 27-28 at the Home of the H. B. A' s. in Meridian, Miss. will readily concede to the fact that never in the history of the Association have we had such a big send off. On Monday we were honored with some very distinguished visitors. The Rev. R. L. Brookins, General President of the Benevolent Association of Ala., was present and delivered one of the best speeches that we had listened to for some time. Rev. Brookins is doing great things for the people of Alabama. It is the plans of the General President and Secretary of the H. B. A. to meet the Benevolent Association of Ala. in March in their Board Meeting. Our old time friend, Mr. A. L. Smith of Fairfield, Ala. was present and delivered one of those old times speeches as only an A. L. Smith can do. Mr. Smith is a real hustler and we are always glad to have him in our midst.

Tuesday was the Big Day. The day of rejoicing. Honorable Thos. L. Bailey, Speaker of the House of Representatives of this State was present at the appointed hour to deliver an address to the Association. The words of praise that fell from the speaker's lips were highly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Bailey said that he feared that some of the organizations operated by our people had missed the mark intended, but the H. B. A. had proven herself to be the best in the State. He urged that we continue to go forward with the same progress that has characterized the work of our Association. Mr. Bailey said that Mr. T. M. Henry Insurance Commissioner, had greater respect for the Holbrook Benevolent Association of the State of Mississippi than he did for any other such organization in the state that is being operated by our race. He also assured us that we had his confidence as long as we continue as we have in the past.

We were commended by Mr. Bailey for the great success we have had in buying a home here in the city. He let all concerned know that Mr. Henry had him to look into the property, this was done in order to safeguard the Association. After the address by Hon. Bailey we proceeded to burn the mortgages on the property. Rev. I. C. Harper and Mr. J. W. Smith set fire to the papers while the General President and Secretary held the papers in their hands. After the papers were set they were placed in a small box and burned to ashes. The General President said at one time they had made him cry but he was laughing at the burning of the papers. This was a day of rejoicing and why shoudn't we rejoice at such a work being accomplished? We had 39 Months to pay for our property and we paid for it in 30 Months. Boys, that is going some. Who said we would never pay for it? Well we did and we are going to do something else in Meridian. We need a Bank and a Hospital among our people and if we will make the start the white people will help us to do it. There is more to be said but I am going to leave space for some one else to talk. All who wish to express themselves through the Echo are permitted to do so. It would be an injustice to Mr. D. V. Johnson, the official printer for the Association if we were not to mention him. He was present both days and delivered two good addresses to the body. Mr. Johnson is a first class printer. All he has to do is do the work of the Association as it desires and he will get the unstinted support of the body. The Ministers are with him and all he has to do is stand by them in a business way and success is his. It means much to any printer in Meridian to have the support of the Ministers and the H. B. A. These are the leading forces in the city among our people and when any concern has the confidence of the leading forces it is bound to succeed.

Those who wish to contribute articles are welcome to do so. All local presidents were given their dinner on Tuesday at Beal's Hotel. Mr. Beal is one of our strongest supporters of the H. B. A.

## NOTICE!

All presidents who have not collected all of their building fees will please do so and send it in at once. Please understand that all lodges and local members that have not paid are taking your own risk. We are not turning you out but we are going to sight you to the law that says if any member fails to pay any assessment his name must be erased from the roll. As soon as it is sent to us you will be in good standing but until then you are in BAD.

E. F. YOUNG, President.

Prof. Thos. Doby was in the office a few days ago. He is now agent for the Echo. We shall publish all the new subscribers sent in by Prof. Doby. See him and subscribe for the paper.

## DEATH

We regret very much to know of the death of Mr David Curtis Bourdeaux, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bourdeaux. He was a young man with great hopes for the future. He was a licensed embalmer, having finished his work in the Cincinatti School of Embalmers last Year.

The family has the heartfelt sympathy from the H. B. A.

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## H. B. A. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

**If any mistakes are found by the local presidents, please notify me and I will gladly correct same.**

| No. | Dues | Death Claims | Back |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4.35 | 31.50 | |
| 2 | 7.05 | 50.40 | 1.25 |
| 3 | 4.50 | 32.55 | |
| 4 | 6.00 | 43.05 | |
| 5 | 1.65 | 22.60 | |
| 8 | .90 | 7.35 | |
| 9 | 4.35 | 25.50 | |
| 11 | 5.70 | 40.95 | |
| 18 | 2.10 | 15.75 | |
| 19 | 2.55 | 18.90 | |
| 20 | 6.00 | 43.05 | |
| 21 | 6.45 | 46.20 | |
| 22 | 4.20 | 30.45 | |
| 23 | 14.70 | 84.15 | |
| 27 | 5.10 | 36.75 | 1.25 |
| 28 | 7.95 | 56.70 | |
| 30 | 8.85 | 63.00 | |
| 31 | (Reported late,) Total 50.00 | | |
| 32 | 4.05 | 24.20 | |
| 33 | 3.45 | 25.20 | |
| 39 | 7.20 | 51.45 | |
| 40 | 4.95 | 35.70 | |
| 42 | 3.60 | 26.25 | |
| 44 | 1.65 | 12.60 | |
| 45 | 2.85 | 21.00 | |
| 47 | 1.80 | 13.65 | |
| 49 | 2.10 | 12.75 | |
| 50 | 3.30 | 24.15 | |
| 52 | 4.80 | 28.05 | |
| 53 | 1.80 | 13.65 | |
| 54 | 1.05 | 8.40 | |
| 55 | 2.55 | 15.30 | |
| 56 | 3.15 | 23.10 | |
| 57 | 17.25 | 98.60 | |
| 58 | 3.30 | 19.55 | |
| 60 | 1.50 | 11.55 | |
| 61 | 1.65 | 12.60 | |
| 62 | (Failed to report.) | | |
| 63 | 2.25 | 13.60 | |
| 64 | 9.45 | 67.20 | |
| 65 | (Reported Late) Total 4.65 | | |
| 66 | | | |
| 67 | 2.25 | 16.80 | |
| 69 | 6.60 | 47.25 | |
| 70 | 6.30 | 45.15 | |
| 71 | 6.00 | 34.00 | |
| 72 | 4.80 | 34.65 | |
| 74 | 3.75 | 22.10 | |
| 75 | 2.55 | 15.30 | |
| 76 | 3.90 | 22.95 | 1.25 |
| 77 | 3.30 | 19.55 | |
| 79 | 3.30 | 24.15 | |
| 80 | 6.90 | 39.95 | |
| 82 | 13.35 | 76.50 | |
| 85 | 4.05 | 29.40 | |
| 92 | 5.85 | 34.00 | |
| 93 | 7.20 | 51.45 | |
| 94 | 2.25 | 13.60 | 3.75 |
| 95 | 8.85 | 51.00 | 2.40 |
| 96 | 6.60 | 47.25 | |
| 98 | 2.85 | 21.00 | |
| 99 | 3.90 | 22.95 | |
| 100 | 1.35 | 10.50 | |
| 102 | 10.80 | 62.05 | |
| 103 | 2.10 | 12.75 | |
| 105 | 2.55 | 15.30 | |
| 106 | (Reported Late,) Total 8.85 | | |
| 108 | 7.20 | 41.65 | |
| 109 | 1.50 | 9.35 | |
| 110 | 3.90 | 28.35 (including $5.50 building) | |
| 111 | 1.35 | 10.50 | |
| 112 | 2.40 | 17.85 | |
| 113 | 1.80 | 13.65 | |
| 114 | .60 | 5.25 | |
| 115 | 3.30 | 19.55 | |
| 116 | 7.65 | 44.20 | |
| 118 | 5.10 | 29.75 | |
| 119 | 9.90 | 56.95 | |
| 120 | | | |
| 121 | 2.10 | 15.75 | |
| 122 | 2.70 | 19.95 | |
| 123 | 7.95 | 45.90 | |
| 125 | 3.00 | 22.05 | |
| 127 | 15.00 | 85.85 | |
| 131 | 1.20 | 7.65 | |
| 130 | 7.35 | 42.50 | |
| 132 | 3.00 | 17.85 | |
| 133 | 17.25 | 98.60 | |
| 135 | 1.20 | 7.65 | |
| 136 | | | |
| 138 | .75 | 6.30 | |
| 139 | 3.30 | 24.15 | |
| 140 | .90 | 5.95 | |
| 141 | 3.30 | 19.55 | |
| 145 | 10.80 | 62.05 | |
| 146 | 3.00 | 17.85 | |
| 147 | .60 | 5.25 | |
| 148 | 1.80 | 11.05 | |
| 151 | 4.35 | 25.50 | |
| 152 | 3.75 | 22.10 | |
| 153 | 5.10 | 29.75 | |
| 156 | .75 | 5.10 | |
| 157 | 1.80 | 13.65 | |
| 158 | 1.65 | 10.20 | |
| 159 | 2.10 | 12.75 | |
| 160 | 7.95 | 53.10 | |
| 161 | .60 | 5.25 | |
| 162 | (Repored Late) Total 3.60 | | |
| 163 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 165 | 6.45 | 37.40 | |
| 166 | 2.40 | 14.45 | |
| 167 | 3.30 | 19.55 | |
| 168 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 171 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 173 | 6.00 | 34.85 | |
| 174 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 176 | 2.55 | 18.90 | |
| 177 | 2.75 | 16.15 | |
| 178 | 1.80 | 11.05 | |
| 179 | 4.20 | 24.65 | |
| 180 | 1.05 | 6.80 | |
| 181 | 7.20 | 41.65 | |
| 183 | 1.20 | 7.65 | |
| 185 | .30 | 2.10 | |
| 186 | .75 | 6.30 | |
| 189 | 10.35 | 59.40 | |
| 190 | 7.35 | 42.50 | 2.40 |
| 192 | 2.55 | 18.90 | |
| 193 | 3.30 | 19.75 | |
| 194 | 1.50 | 9.35 | |
| 195 | 5.70 | 33.15 | |
| 196 | 4.35 | 25.50 | |
| 197 | .30 | 2.55 | |
| 198 | 3.45 | 20.40 | |
| 199 | 2.80 | 17.00 | |
| 200 | 4.65 | 27.20 | |
| 201 | 2.45 | 20.40 | 1.40 |
| 202 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 203 | 2.10 | 12.75 | |
| 204 | .45 | 4.20 | |
| 205 | 3.60 | 21.25 | |

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| 207 | 4.65 | 27.20 | |
| 209 | 1.20 | 7.65 | |
| 210 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 211 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 212 | 2.40 | 14.45 | |
| 213 | 7.95 | 45.90 | |
| 214 | .75 | 5.95 | |
| 215 | 2.70 | 16.15 | |
| 216 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 217 | 2.25 | 13.60 | |
| 218 | 4.05 | 23.80 | |
| 219 | 1.65 | 10.20 | |
| 220 | 2.40 | 14.45 | |
| 222 | 4.65 | 27.20 | |
| 223 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 224 | 1.80 | 11.05 | |
| 225 | 1.65 | 10.20 | |
| 226 | (Late,) Total $6.00 | | |
| 227 | | | |
| 228 | (Late,) Total 12.00 | | |
| 229 | 2.10 | 12.75 | |
| 230 | 2.25 | 13.60 | |
| 231 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 232 | 2.70 | 16.15 | |
| 233 | 2.25 | 13.60 | |
| 234 | 1.05 | 6.80 | |
| 235 | 1.65 | 12.60 | |
| 236 | 2.40 | 17.85 | |
| 237 | 4.20 | 24.65 | |
| 238 | (Late,) Total 10.00 | | |
| 239 | 3.75 | 22.10 | |
| 240 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 241 | .15 | .85 | |
| 242 | 2.55 | 15.30 | |
| 243 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 244 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 245 | 1.80 | 11.05 | |
| 246 | .60 | 4.25 | |
| 248 | 3.30 | 19.55 | |
| 247 | 2.85 | 17.00 | |
| 249 | 3.60 | 21.25 | |
| 250 | .60 | 5.25 | |
| 251 | (Late) | | |
| 252 | 1.20 | 7.65 | |
| 253 | 3.15 | 23.10 | |
| 254 | 2.10 | 12.75 | |
| 255 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 256 | 1.80 | 11.05 | |
| 257 | 2.85 | 17.00 | |
| 258 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 259 | 1.80 | 11.05 | |
| 260 | (Failed to Report) | | |
| 261 | 2.40 | 14.45 | |
| 262 | 1.65 | 10.10 | |

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If any error is foud, and this financial report does not correspond with your official receipt or Post Office money order kindly inform me. Let it be remembered that presidnts do not pay quarterly dues, therefore those of you who sent quarterly dues for yourslves is not inclided in your total amount. The Building Report is not included in the above financial report. I think one or two of the reports that are marked "Failed to report," are now on my desk, but some of you were late getting your reports to me, and we had to rush the paper out , therefore you are just behind. If I have your report, you and your lodge are all A. K. It will be noted that "Big John Rankin," President of Lodge No. 133 at Magee, Miss. and W. C. McLeod, of No. 57, at Bassfield, Miss., tied for the leadership of the Association in number of members and the $115.85. Where are Blakney and Jury?

We paid to each representative in Districts one and two $222.47 each, in the lower District $211.72. We now have more on hand that we are getting ready to send out. We have sent out back money already to Districts One and Two $2.00 each, the lower Districts $2.30. This brings the September Board report for Districts One and Two up to $251.41, and the lower Districts $239.57. Collections as follows:

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|---|---|
| Echo | $30.00 |
| Bond | $150.00 |
| Building | $261.95 |
| Dues | $705.00 |
| Death Claims | $4,298.10 |
| Grand Total | $5,445.05 |

## NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

All local presidents from Nos. 254 to 262, are requested to send in $1.75 as subscription to THE ECHO and Publication fee. We forgot to remind you of it for the last Board. The rest of the presidents paid theirs in the September Board. Those of you who did not report in September are due $1.75. This is compulsory. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec'y.

Dear Presidents: I wish to thank you for your liberal response in sending in subscribers to THE ECHO. The paper is crowded for this issue, therefore I will publish the presidents and the amounts reported in the next issue.

Mrs. R. L. YOUNG.

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Rev. E. W. Washington of Mt.Olive, Miss., preached a splendid sermon at Newel Chapel C. M. E. Church during the Board. He seemed to have been at himself. Prayer service was conducted by Deacons Myers and Walker of New Hebron, Miss., Rev. W. T. Smith of Hattiesburg, lined hymn and offered prayer.

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The Emancipation Celebration at Wechsler High School was grand. The main speaker was Dr. D. L. Morgan, Mr. C. L. Lindsay, Master of Ceremony, and Mr. G. C. Thomas, President; Prof. T. J. Harris, Sec'y. All officers were re-elected for another term.

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Mr. Matthew Powell, Secretary of Lodge No. 110, is a great asset to his lodge. J. W. Smith is local president.

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**NOTICE!**

All members and presidents who desire 1927 Calendars may get them by sending stamps to the office. Send 3c for one Calendar.

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All presidents are requested to collect 55c building fee from new members and send it to the office when you send for a policy.

E. F. YOUNG, Gen. Pres.

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GLEANINGS FROM THEADVILLE

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The 18th and 19th of Dec. were high days at Mt. Neborn Church. Dr. I. E. Fields, P. E. of the Meridian District, held his first Quarterly Conference on the 18th and the Quarterly Meeting on the 19th. P. E. (Fields,) and Pastor (C. H. Hubb,) were at their best. The dollar roll was called and Bros. F. C. Campbell, Jas. Howard Geo. McLendon, Mr. Joe Hood, Rev. Tob McLendon, S. L. Donald, Monk Joe S. Donald, Willie C[illegible] Goinnie Hood, and others whose names I failed to get responded with their whole $1.00. Total Collection, $35.00 On the 26th an elopement took place and the result was a marriage with Mr. McCann and Miss Blanchie Campbell. Young people, if possible, marry at home, it's so nice to do so and it's honorable. Once a young lady said to her father, who objected to her choice, "Father, I am 22 years old now you object me marrying Mr. ....., well we are going to marry Thursday, I mean to marry at home and no where else." Father then answered O. K. to it.

Xmas. was very quiet and all seemed to have enjoyed it. Emancipation will be observed by H. B. A's at Mt. Nebron A. M. E. Church, Jan. 1, 1927. Mrs. Annie Moss visited her daughter at Pivery, Miss. and Mrs. Annie L. Slay spent Xmas. with her children in Mobile, Ala., and is expecting to attend Board Meeting on the 27th and make the ECHO smile when she reports 10 subscribers from her Lodge No. 123.

Some of the children say "Old Santa Claus got stuck in the mud on the 24th it was such a bad day but they mean to fix the road better by next Xmas

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QUOTATIONS

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An intense hour will do more than dreary years.

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Know more than others if you can but do not tell them so.

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Be slow in choosing a friend; Slower in changing.

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If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it from him.

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It is better to say: This one thing I do, than to say: These forty things I dabble in.

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The chains of habit are too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

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Remember that when you are right you can afford to keep your temper, and when you are wrong you can't afford to lose it.

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Pulling from above and boosting from below make climbing easy.

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Into each life some rain must fall; Some days must be dark and dreary.

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To be trusted is a grater compliment than to be loved.

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The more we study the more we discover our ignorance.

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Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils.

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THANKS

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Bourdeaux wish esto thank their many friends for kindness shown them during the illness of their son, David Curtis Bourdeaux, and for the beautiful floral offerings at his death.

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**PRICE LIST OF H. B. A. BADGES**

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|---|---|
| 1 to 5 | $1.00 each. |
| 5 to 10 | 0.90 eash. |
| 10 to 20 | 0.80 each. |
| 20 to 30 | 0.70 each. |
| 30 to 100 | 0.65 each. |

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## THE COLORED EMBALMER

The following article appeared in the January issue of THE COLORED EMBALMER, Vol. 1, No. 6, Page 3, edited by Mr. R. R. Reed, Editor of THE COLORED EMBALMER, and Executive Secretary of the Independent National Funeral Directors, Association, 3201-So. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### Is It Graft?

On October 1st, a little organization known as "Holbrook Benevolent Association," headed by one Rev. R. L. Young, with headquarters in Meridian, Miss., issued its publication known as "The Echo." It is a little sheet of four pages which pages are near the size of our publication.

This particular issue carries in it one of the most unreasonable and boldest articles of its kind that has come to us to read. This gentleman, styled as a minister of the gospel, editing this sheet and as head of his Beneolent Association, makes an open request that the Funeral Directors handling the remains of any of the "Benevolent" members pay him or some of his officials or association, ten per cent of the Funeral bill.

We were shocked at such a dtmand on the Funeral Director for a portion of his honest earned money, but when this Reverend goes so far as to state in so many words that they will proceed to open up establishments unless the Funeral Directors meet his demands, he makes a threat. And if they are not considered, (the Reverend and some others), "the association can do whatever 'she' wills to do because she is able." Most organizations are "its", but this e seems to take the feminine gender as the editor calls it a "she."

The Funeral Director who promises such a portion of his earned money to get business from such a source is underminding the very foundation of his business and profession. He is making himelf liable to whatever graft one wishes to impose on him. AND WE GLORY IN THE GRIT OF THE VETERAN, FRANK BERRY, OF MERIDIAN, WHO WAS FIRM ENOUGH TO REFUSE TO PAY SUCH GRAFT TO BURY MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION. We deplore the fact that a few of our friends proved so non-protective to the profession as to bow to "her" (the organization) will. But we know these men and we are going to tell you why they did so, yet not excuse them.

The Negro minister who has prepared himself is seldom seen resorting to such organization activities. He is too busy trying to save souls. Yet, in some sections, the Funeral Directors are much at the mercy of some Negro who bands together many un-thinking Negroes and influences them to leave many of their last-life affairs in his hands. In such cases it enables these same men known or styled as ministers of the gospel to make demands on Funeral Directors for this and that. And we warn you that each man who meets the demand, knows deep down in his heart that he is doing wrong—knows that he must add on to the Funeral bill this graft—knows that he can't afford to pay it out of his profit; but knows still that if he does not pay it these same brothers of the cloth will sell them out in many cases to the white Funeral Director or threaten to start a business as this man does in this particular case.

Is it any wonder that the Church is becoming less effective? There is a certain course for ministers to follow in their teaching and serving. Is this one that would engender faith? The race suffers to-day from graft, ignorance, and envy among its own members and would-be leaders. "OH GOD, GUIDE OUR LEADERS THAT THEY MAY BE STRONG AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS PRACTICES, AND THAT WE MAY HAVE FAITH TO FOLLOW AS THOU WOULD HAVE THEM LEAD; OR REMOVE THEM THAT WE IN THESE FEW DAYS HERE MAY HAVE FAITH UNSEEN IN THEE AND NOT DISSOLUTION IN THE SEEN LEADERS IN THE FLESH" is the prayer of this writer.

Now that the Negro Funeral Directors are organized, let us resist such payments of honest earned money. These men, or men like them, are not more influential with the authorities as dominate our profession in the States or their society plans. Shall we stand by idly and not protest? This Journal will protest.

Too often such organizations are made a blot on the organization life of our race in their selfish greed for gold. Let our people carry even ten or fifteen cents insurance and there will be but few cases where, after Funeral bills are paid, that money is not left for the needy family. We shall receive suggestions and co-operate to combat such money-paying and such delinquent Funeral-Bill payers as these organizations.

If you pay the ten per cent, they pay promptly we presume, so some ones can get their ten per cent. If not, you get paid hen they see fit. Is it graft we ask? Will Funeral Directors encourage it? " WHY STAND YE HERE IDLE?"

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The following is a letter from Mr. Reed:

October, 14, 1926.

Rev. R. L. Young, Manager ECHO,
2508 5th Street,
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Funeral Directors have called my attention to the main article of your Echo of date October 1st. Reading the same it seems to carry a veiled threat of your organization to launch the Funeral Directing Business unless they pay to some one ten per cent of their honest earned money.

As organizer of all State Associations of Funeral Directors, Executive Secretary of the National Association, and Editor of "The Colored Embalmer," I am asking who gets this ten per cent of the Funeral Directors" money your paper demands?

I am further asking, Do you realize that when such unreasonable demands are made, it usually causes the raise in cost of Funerals? Are you mindful of the interest of your members in this move —or are you only thinking of the power of the many ten per cents wherever they go?

The Funeral Directors of the Country are organized, and they will oppose such to the limit. And if any one wishes to start an undertaking establishment, they can do so—but our organization will see through the proper authorities that they are licensed men or keep licensed men employed.

I do not hesitate to state that this article is being filed with our officials and I shall also answer it in the

at 2508-5th St. Meridian, Miss.

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November issue of our Journal.

The Funeral Director must be protected and the stand of Mr. Frank Berry in refusing to pay what is commonly called "graft" is a noble one and we shall take it up with those who did promise.

Yours very truly,

R. R. Reed,

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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As editor of THE ECHO, and General Secretary of the Holbrook Benevolent Association, I wish to answer as briefly as possible and to the point.

From the contents of the article written by Mr. Reed, it appears as if his article on "IS IT GRAFT" should have been I WILL RIDICULE." In the first place he speaks of the little organization known as the Holbrook Benevolent Association etc., after which he describes, very uniquely, THE ECHO. He ridicules the ministers; he makes mention of the organization being styled as 'feminine gender.' He states that funeral directors who promise a discount are undermining the very foundation of their business, then, he glories in the "grit of the VETERAN, Frank Berry, who was firm enough to refuse to pay such graft to bury members of this organization; then he ridicules the minister, who in some sections has been able to "band together the unthinking Negroes" as he puts it. Mr. Reed says that each man who meets the demand, knows deep down in his heart that he is doing wrong—knows that he must add on to the funeral bill this graft etc,. Then he speaks of less effectiveness of the work of the church. He then offers a prayer of his to God, and in this prayer, he asks that God remove our leaders that we in these days here may have faith unseen etc., I do not wish to attempt to cite the misspelled words and errors in the article of January. We have published the article verbatim.

I do not attempt to show the errors in the letter written me when it comes to "the King's English" because all of this is a side issue. "Is It Graft" is the subject.

In the first place I want to invite all readers of THE ECHO to read the article appearing in the October issue and you will find that Mr. Reed misrepresented the truth. You will find these words "No undertaker is compelled to give a discount; it is up to the local presidents to buy from whoever you please. You will find again that I said that all undertakers with the exception of one, were allowing a discount. Again, I said, I didn't know but I thought it was a challenge to the Association to establish a department of it's own if it could not get some consideration. To give you a concise meaning of the word "GRAFT" we give this definition: "Graft is the acquisition of money, position etc. by dishonest or unjust means, and anything so gained is considered "Graft."

Is it graft for the wholesale merchant to sell goods to the retailer at a discount? Is it graft for the man who sells coal by the carloads to sell it cheaper than the man who sells it by the bushel? Is it considered graft when the casket dealers sell material to the funeral directors cheaper on thirty days term than they do on sixty or ninety days term? Is it considerel graft when men are able to buy goods at a discount when they pay cash for them? The thought that

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Mr. Reed tries to convey is this: That whenever the discount is given, the man who is selling the goods must charge more than the real selling price, in order to give the discount. Does it not take longer to sell a sack of meal in ten cent packages than it does to sell the whole sack at once? Is not the man's time, is not the waste of meal, is not the cost of paper bags, is not the cost of twine, the use of scales, the wear and tear of same all to be figured in? I want to ask the reader "Does not common sense teach all sane thinking people that the quicker the deal is put over the less it will cost? It happens at the writing of this article that the mail carrier has just handed me a letter from a Negro Undertaking establishment in the state of Mississippi, who has never done work for the Association before, his bill figures $142.00, and he says "Gentlemen, if you can pay the bill cash instead of waiting ninety days or more, as your law provides, we will gladly allow a ten per cent discount." Just two days ago we mailed a check to a Negro funeral director of Mississippi for $75.00 less ten per cent; We have on our file five bills that are already paid at a ten per cent discount. The Association as well as the individuals are well pleased, and feel that we have value received.

We do not feel and do not believe that these funeral directors have over-charged us, and if they have, we are proud to to state that after overcharging us, we have gotten the material cheaper than we could have from those who refuse to give a discount.

According to Mr. Reed's argument, a discount cannot be given by any concern, if so, it is a grafter, then how is the retail merchant to sell his goods and make money and live? The wholesale man must not sell at a discount, if he does he is a grafter. The H. B. A. is doing a wholesale business, and paying cash for what it gets, and the funeral directors with whom we are doing business, and those who are doing business with us both white and colored say that they are going to see to it that we get a discount; they say that they can turn their money over two, three and four times a month, and every time they turn it over, it makes money. Mr. Reed made a vast mistake when he said that the Negro Funeral Directors are organized, if he means to convey the idea that they are organized so that he can control them and keep them from allowing a discount. Mr. Reed is up in Chicago, writing editorials for all the funeral directors. We are down here rendering real service for the people. I feel that it is not necessary for this editor to offer a prayer to God just here, but we would rather offer service to our people. Do you know why Jesus had so many followers? It was not because he had something to say, but it was because of the fact that he had something to give to the folk.

Is it graft when the railroad company issues ministers and traveling agents permits etc. which means a ride at a discount? Is it graft when the railroad company gives reduced rates for a large number of persons on a special trip? Read the definition for graft if you will. Is it considered graft when the authorities of schools allow a discount to the student who **pays his bill in full at the beginning** of the term? When the merchants and the printers, the druggists, the physicians etc. with whom Mr. Reed deals allow him a discount, is that considered graft?

There were three or four letters exchanged between Mr. Reed and me, and I told him that I would gladly answer him through his magazine. He stated in his last letter to me that because of the inconsistency of my letter and the article in THE ECHO that he was through with the matter. A friend of his came to my office and asked that I drop the matter. I agreed to do so but since Mr. Reed came out in his last issue of his magazine, I feel that I have a right to have my say.

I have a letter on my desk from a leading funeral director of the State of Alabama asking me to allow him to answer Mr. Reed. I have had three undertakers of the State of Miss., to tell me that Mr. Reed has nothing to do with their discount They admire him, and they like him, but they prefer that he stay out of that part of their business. Four undertakers of the State of Mississippi desire to answer Mr. Reed. These statements from the funeral directors do not concur with the statement of Mr. Reed which says that the Negro Funeral Directors are organized.

Allow me to refer you to the statement which reads "Most organizations are 'ist' but this one seems to take the feminine gender, as the editor cals it a 'she." I suppose Mr. Reed forgot his logic on deductive and inductive reasoning. If it is true that most organizations are referred to as "its" (and it is true) there is still room for the Holbrook Benevolent Association to be referred to as "she." The statement "Most men are theives' does not convey the idea that all men are theives. Most organizations are "its" does not convey the idea that all organizations are "its." This is aside from the main issue "Is It Graft"? but I asked permission to refer to it. Some one may ask "How did Mr. Reed come in possession of THE ECHO of October, since he is not a subscriber. Some may ask "Who informed him of all of this? Read between lines.

We did not demand a discount but we did have backbone enough to ask for it and those who are doing business with us had gumption enough to give it. Mr. Reed closed his article with this saying "Why stand ye here idle?" I will answer. "Ye stand here idle not because there isn't something to be done, not because the harvest isn't great, but ye stand here idle because ye know not what to do nor how to do. Ye laborers are few."

P. S.—More to say in the next issue or any other issue if necessary. May comment on the contents of letters exchanged between Mr. Reed and me.

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## LETTERS OF RESPONSE

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Hattiesburg, Miss., Rev. R. L. Young, I received your letter asking for aid on the new brick church that you and your members plan to build. My members and I will gladly aid you and your people in the erection of that church.

You may expect a nice check from Lodge 221, H. CROONE, President.

Meridian, Miss., Rev. R. L. Young: Your letter asking for a contribution toward the noble effort to build a brick church in Meridian is at hand.

My members and I pledge you our support. Look for a check.

B. BROWN' President, No. 32.

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Dear Editor: A few words in behalf of the Baptist ministers and deacons of the city of Meridian. We are proud of the recent appointment by Bishop Cottrell in assigning you to this city as pastor of Newel Chapel C. M. E. Church. You have our hearty cooperation. The city delights to have such a progressive young man. We like your high aim and ideal.

Deacon BURL BROWN, Superintendent of St. John Baptist Sunday School.

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Sumrall, Miss., Dear Bro. Young: Your letter asking for aid in the erection of your church has been considered. My members and I want to help make you Bishop. The first big thing we want you to do is build that church Look for a Money Order.

J. H. HARVEY, President, No. 115.

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Pachuta, Miss., Rev. R. L. Young: With pleasure we pledge you our support in the erection of your church.

Mrs. E. J. BANKS, President No.

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The following are the names of our local presidents who responded to our ECHO call:

| Lodge No. | President | Amount |
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| 145 | A. Evans, | $2.00. |
| 92 | Clem Brown, | .40 |
| 215 | | 1.00 |
| 121 | W. M. Buck, | 1.00 |
| 222 | | .65 |
| 21 | F. Ott, | 1.65 |
| 76 | Mrs. Ella Morrell | .80 |
| 185 | | .65 |
| 115 | J. H. Harvey | 1.00 |
| 189 | L. M. Martin | 1.05 |
| 249 | | 2.50 |
| 70 | Tom Smith | 1.00 |

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From agents and presidents. Just fifteen reports. Just imagine what it would have meant if forty-five presidents would have reported. It means more money and more readers of the ECHO. I want to thank those who cooperated, and those who failed to help us, and I hope that those of you who made no report will realize the necessity of reading and keeping up with the doings of the Association.

Mrs. R. L. YOUNG.

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## NOTICE

We have paid to each local president the discount that is allowed by the undertakers. If any president hasn't received his discount please let me know at once.

R. L. YOUNG.

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With delightful pleasure and a joyful heart I thank those of you who have responded to my request with letters stating that you will stand by me and help me in this great financial plan that we now have on. I shall publish the letters of response to my request in the next issue. This issue will not hold the many many letters of response from my good friends. As I pass the letters to my wife she reads them with a glowing smile upon her face, and it makes her feel proud to know that we have made friends of which we knew not of. My little baby Maggie Juanita crawls upon my knees at times and asks "Daddy, what are you doing? My reply is "Daddy is reading letters from his friends who wish us well in our church program, as well as other walks of life.

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Mr. Jno. S. Beal wishes to thank the many friends and the Association for their patronage during the Board, and may I say just here as editor and Secretary that Beal and Strayhorn are well equipped and are able to take care of any of our deceasd members, when it comes to funerals and embalming. We shall be glad for presidents and members in and out of town to patronize him. He is a staunch supporter of the H. B. A., not only is he a supporter, but practically all of his family are members of the H. B. A.

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## IMPORTONT

We have mailed checks to Districts 1-2-3-4 and 5 since the Board. All persons in Districts 1 and 2 have been sent checks for $5.00 each, making a total of $227.43; paid to each representative. Districts 3-4-5 have been sent $10.00, making a total of $221.72 to each representative.

The money has ben snt to the local presidentor to the person whom you authorized to make the first collection If you have not got your money, notify me at once.

SCRETARY

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Mr. Beal is a Meridianite by birth. He ranks among our best citizens and is always found standing for a principle. He is the proprietor of Beal's Cafe, Beal's Hotel and Beal and Strayhorn Undertakers. He has the best hotel for our people in the State of Mississippi. Mr. Strayhorn is a young man who is trying to make a success in life by serving his people. Just a few years ago, Mr. Strayhorn and the writer were in school together. He went to Oberlin and took a business course and is now in the city of his birth doing his best to carry forward the business that his deceased father struggled to establish for him, his oily son. I think that we as citizeis of Meridian and it's surrounding should appreciate the great efforts put forth by this concern. These men are able and in position to give service any where it is wanted. Their rolling stock is good and up-to-date. When I think of the worth of these two men, to us, I look back over the past and ask has the H. B. A. given them the proper support? When I speak of worth, I do not speak in terms of finance John S. Beal has always stood for the H. B. A., it matters not what any one said about the H. B. A. John Beal stood solid. I have known the times when all other Undertakers in town and surrounding were burying all the H. B. A's and yet Beal stood for the Association and it's principles. Though nothing was coming to him, when the storm was blowing, Beal stood like a "Stonewall Jackson." Before Beal went into the Undertaking business, he stood for the H. B. A., even though he was not a member at that time.

THE OFFICE

Mr. Strayhorn has been an H. B. A. for a number of years. Brother Price of this city was his president for a number of years. Ofcourse his lodge went down during the windstorm and he got a little shaky.

After watching these two men very closely, I am compelled to say that the H. B. A's of Meridian and it's surroonding need to help support this house. As you know we have always advocated patronizing Bourdeaux Bros. and we still advocate that idea. But listen friends, we must not be too selfish, we must help each other. Beal and Strayhorn are able to render service any where at any time for any body. The Association has been patronizing them **but I think we should do just a bit more.** It could be that we have not known them widely since they were just established in 1925. Please do not get the idea that we are trying to get you to fall out with

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any undertaker, it is up to you to use whoever you please and we want you to do that. There are some people as you know who do not have any choice, then it is up to me or any one else to recommend our friends. Mr. Beal will give you the same discount that Bourdeaux Bros. of this city give. I do not mention our undertakers in the other towns because we want them to have whatever comes within their reach. We feel that it is our duty to help those who help us, give these gentlemen a chance at 406-25th Avenue, Meridian,Miss. Phooe 1980. Mr. Strayhorn is a licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director. He was formerly associated with Strayhorn, Berry and Gardner Co., for 18 years, but he is now in business for himself. 406-25th Avenue. Meridian, Miss. Phone 1980.

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NOTICE!

We have quite a number of H. B. A. Calendars now on hand and any one desiring the 1927 Calendars may get them by sending 3c for each Calendar ordered.

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Dear Presidents: Some time ago the General President asked that each local president send in 55c for every new member made in the H. B. A. on the Building fund. You were requested to send the 55c with the policy fee but just a few of you are doing that. Please remember that I am filing your application blanks away and am waiting to see what disposition you intend to make of this matter. As you know that the building assessment is to be collected from all new members up to next September. Again I notice some of you have not collected from all of your members and are still allowing them to pay other claims. Now Brethren, why not deal fair with yourselves, the members, the rest of the local presidents, the General officers and the Association? Is it not strange to see how some of our leaders will do? Brother president, do you think you are dealing fairly when you will continually keep these members on your roll and will not report for them? From what I can learn, there are some certain presidents who have collected moneys and have not yet reported. Well this is a good way to lose your office, your standing with the people and the Association. Presidents, those of you who are not acting fairly, why not do better? Most of you are honest but there are some who are not doing the right thing. I do not want to publish your name; if you don't mind you are going to get caught.

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Dear Presidents: I have had letters from a large number of you asking for your discount from the Undertakers. Please remember that this discount is to those who have deaths in the Boards. Those of you who had no deaths are not due any discount. There were seven deaths in Districts One and Two and only seven presidents were to receive discounts. The same rule applies to the other Districts, therefore if you had no death in your lodge and the claim was not paid in the last Board, you were not due any thing.

The following Presidents have not reported on the Building according to my records: If any president in this list has reported and has my receipt or a P. O. receipt, please do not become alarmed. Just hold your receipt and write me a few lines stating that you have paid and have a receipt for same. Please do not get angry if you have your receipt and find your name in this list, we are subject ot mistakes as well as you are at times. We are sometimes rushed and may fail to credit you for what you pay. Some of you have deceased members in your lodge but you have failed to pay your Building and I can not send the names out, the Association will have to look after this matter. If you see your name and number in this list and at the same time you have a deceased member in your lodge but I fail to publish the name of the deceased, you may know the trouble.

No. 31, S. B. Bell has only reported for his family. No. 213, E. D. McLemore has credit for $13.20, a small report for that big lodge. No. 50, it appears as if E. C. Cole made a report but I do not have a record of it. Write me Brother Cole. The following are blank: No. 47, J. C. Burttn; No. 62, C. H. Watts; No. 105, W H Langham; No. 131, S. Knight; No. 140, W. H. Nicholson; No. 147, Dixie Russell; No. 160, W. J. Tate; No. 180, C. H. Hall, No. 185; Willie Robie; No. 211, C. W. Powe; No. 228, Rev. D. C. Croft; No. 229, L. Brumfield; No. 234, M. H. Donald; No. 254, Eddie High; No. 259, S. M. Wright has been to the office and made arrangements since he was lately organized. No. 261, Asa Walker, a new lodge but you will have to report Brother Walker. Write me at once and we can give you a few days since you are a new man and made your first report in the last Board. The same applies to No. 262 Mr. Allens Bridges, since he is a new man. Write to me Brother Bridges. All the rest of the above-named presidents and their lodges who have made no report are in Bad. Nothing doing Brothers. Mr. J. M. Russell of No. 25 has been to the office and made satisfactory arrangecents.

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H. B. A. Death List

Districts One and Two:

1—Bettie Croft, No. 192, H. Thompson, President, Chunkey, Miss. 2—Mary Denton, No. 64, J. G. Gulley, President, Enondale, Miss.

Districts Three, Four and Five.

1—Maggie Therman, No. 255, A. L. Simpson, President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

2—Lucy Smith, No. 99, W. M. Barnes, President, Seminary, Miss.

3—Susie Ray, No. 213, Ed McLemore President, Quitman, Miss.

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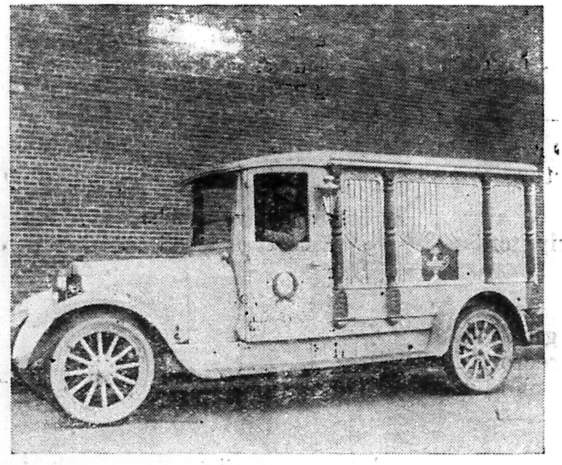

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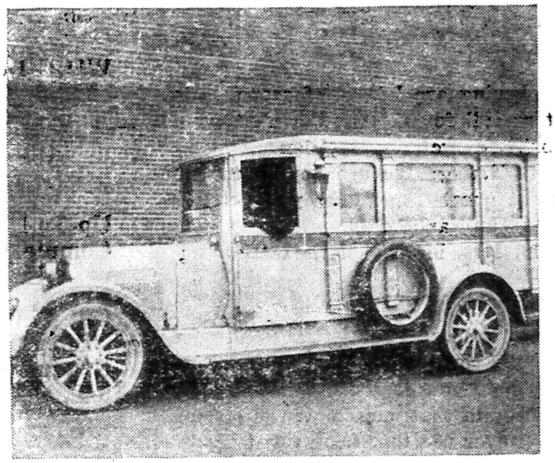

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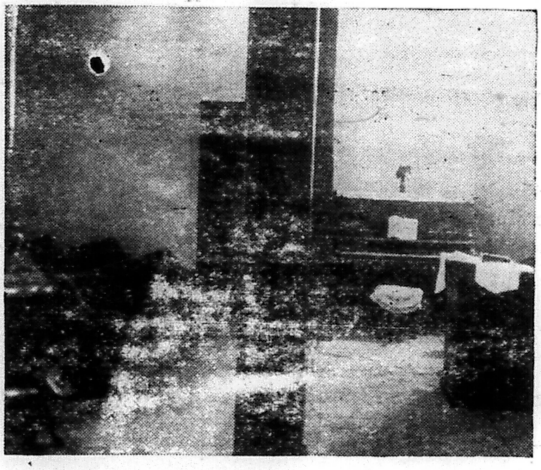

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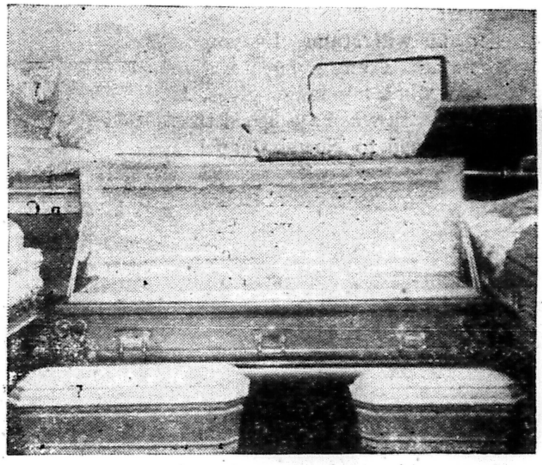

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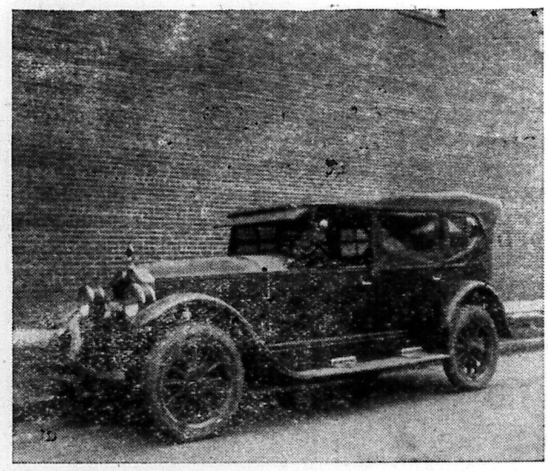

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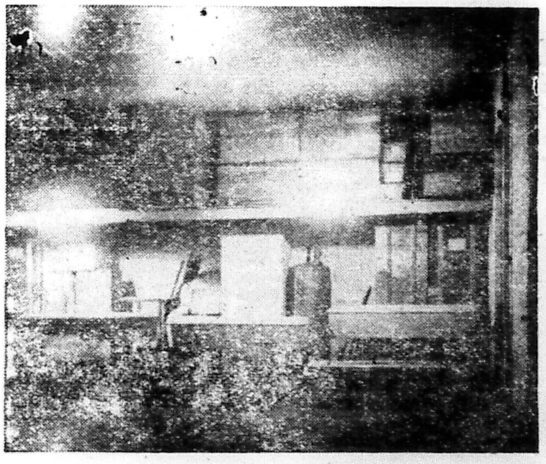

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4—Mollie Sherrod, No. 141, A. Price, President, Enterprise, Miss.
5—R. Jordan, No. 183, Mrs. L. L. Watson, President, Lumberton, Miss.
6—James Davis, No. 248, C. C. Williams, President, Brooklyn, Miss.

The following are letters of response to the Editors call for help in the erection of a nice brick church in Meridian:

Rev. R. L. Young: We are hoping to fulfill your request regarding your church building at an early date.
Lodge 108, Mrs. M. Nicholson, Hattiesburg.

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Dear Rev. Young: Your letter asking for aid has been considered. My members and I want to help you do a big thing and the first is to build that church. We are going to put you over the top. Look for a money order soon.
J. T. JONES, No. 181, Silvercreek, Miss.

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Dear Rev. Young: This is to let you know that lodge No. 25 will stand by you in your church project. I am going to give you $5.00 besides what my lodge gives. It just tickled us to death when we heard that you had been assigned to Newel Chapel. I know you and use to work with you when you were a steward of your crurch. I know you can and will put things over. Please let me know when the rally cames off, I want to be there that day and have a few words to say.
J. M. RUSSELL, President.

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Rev. R. L. Young: The members of lodge 259 appreciate your request for help to build your nice church. We will send you a nice sum.
S. M. WRIGHT, Enterprise.

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Rev. Young: Your letter asking for a contribution toward the noble effort in erecting a brick church in Meridian is at hand. My members and I pledge you our support.
MRS. E. HEIDELBERG, Lodge 149.

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Dear Rev. Young: Your letter soliciting help is at hand and though our membership is small we want to have a hand in helping one who has helped others. Great is your effort and may all local presidents do what they can to help you. If there be any of us who are too weak to help, let us not stand in the way of others who desire to help.
MRS. LOLA L. WATSON, Lumberton, Miss, Lodge 183.

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J. M. MARTIN, No. 45, Longstreet, Miss;

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Dear Rev. Young: We received your letter for help and my president is working for you. Inclosed you will find my personal check for $2.00; When my president sends his report to you, please add this amount to lodge 108 at Laurel, Miss., We want to lead all the rest.
P. A. CHRISTIAN, Laurel, Miss.

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Rev. R. L. Young: As soon as we catch up with a few debts we owe we will help you on your church.
R. D. DUNLAP, No. 74.

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Brother Young: My members say that they are going to help in a few days
SAM FREEMON, President.

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Dear Brother Young: I did not intend to say anything about helping you on your church but we were going to do so. But when I read the Echo and saw where your little baby was asking how things were going I felt that I had a right to say and do more. My members are loyal and they are willing to help you. Look for a nice check.
REV. M. PAGE, No. 98, Porterville, Miss.
P. S. May I say a few words about this great order? We are proud of the leaders of the H. B. A., A few days ago I read the article by Mr. Reed, I also read your answer and I must say that you know how to defend the H. B. A.; Not only the H. B. A. but you can defend yourself. I like the way you went about the matter. As you usually say, "you keep a cool head and a warm heart." Ylease remember that M. Page and No. 98 will stand by you. We want more real leaders and the sooner the better. We should thank those who rent from the Association and give them our support. What ever they can do, let them do it. I know that they cannot get all of the work and I think it might be unfair for them to expect everything but let us not forget them.

May our leaders live long and produce wonderful fruit.

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Bassfield, Miss.,

Dear Editor:

This comes to let the many readers of the Echo know that H. B. A. No. 23 has lost one of her oldest and best members in person of Brother Mack Free, better known as "Pap" among those who knew him. He was a faithful member to his family, to his church and to his lodge. He will be missed among us. He leaves a wife, three sons, three daughters and a host of friends to mourn his lost.

May our lost be heaven's gain.

Yours for the church and H. B. A.,
J. M. THOMPSON, President.

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We regret very much to know of the death of the wife of one of our local presidents in the person of Brother C. H. Moody at Soso, Miss., Sister Moody has visited the Boards and her presence meant much. May He who never sleeps care for those left behind.

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Dear Editor:

This comes to let the readers know that Rev. D. H. Watson visited our lodge on December 31st and made a great impression on our people. He conducted the religious exercises and we were helped very much by his coming. We had dinner on the ground and all enjoyed themselves. Our collection was very good. We shall be glad to have Rev. Watson with us again. We also had some visitors present.

R. H. LOFTON, President No. 230,
Shubuta, Miss.

Dear Editor:

This comes to let you and the readers know that Lodge No. 71 at D'Lo, Miss., had a grand time on the 4th Sunday in November. Agent W. J. Rankins was with us and we had a wonderful time.. Brother Rankins and his members played well their parts.

Too much praise cannot be given president Genedy and his good people. They were from Rosehill lodge and this lodge is only six months old.

Rev. J. M. Miller preached a splendid sermon for us and it was highly enjoyed. We took in six members and raised $45.50. We take great pleasure in thanking our friends who helped us to put the program over. It is our desire to always make things pleasant for our visitors.

Yours for the cause,
MRS. BERTHA SMITH, Sec'y,
D'Lo, Miss.

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The Colored ministers of this city met at the Public Library Tuesday morning at ten o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Ministerial Aliance. The meeting was full of inspiration and thought. All of the ministers of the city had been notified by personal contact or through the Meridian Star. All the ministers expressed themselves and the expressions showed that the ministers are going to cooperate with each other. The old ministers stated that they were glad to have two new pastors in the city in the person of Revs. M. J. Sherard and E. D. Wilson.

The following were present:
Revs. M. J. Sherard, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church; T. Hutchins, Pilgrim Baptist Church; H. B. Leach, pastor C. M. E. Church; M. W. Wilson, pastor St. Luke C. M. E. Church; E. D. Wilson, pastor St. James A. M. E. Church; R. L. Young, pastor C. M. E. Church; R. N. Jones, pastor M. E. Church; G. W. Williams, pastor M. E. Church; E. F. Young, pastor C. M. E. Church; Rev. Cade of the Baptist Church.

The officers elected were as follows: R. L. Young, President; T. Hutchins, Vice-President; R. N. Jones, Secretary; G. W. Williams, Assistant Secretary; E. D. Wilson, Treasurer; M. J. Sherard, Critic.

The following were appointed to draw up a By-law and Constitution: R. L. Young, M. J. Sherard, T. Hutchins, M. W. Wilson, and one other whose name I do not recall. A collection was taken for the Aliance and one for Rev. Cade, Aferwhich we afjourned to meet next Tuesday at ten o'clock.

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A few days ago, Mrs. Ella Morrell of Laurel, Miss., and president of No. 76, invited the Secretary to her lodge to straighten out some matters. A goodly number of the members were present and every thing went out O. K., Mrs. Morrel was reelected with all ease. All the officers except Chaplain were electet by ballet. Mr. Crosby was elected Vice -President in the place of Rev. Crawford. Rev. Crawford was elected Treasurer. All the rest of the officers were retained. Mrs. Morrell has been the president since the beginning of the lodge. She has never given the Association one minute's trouble, neither has her lodge given us any trouble since the lodge has been in operation. No president in the Association has any higher standing than Mrs. Morrell

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with the H. B. A.; Ofcourse there are one or two little fellows who want to move her but the rest of the people said by vote that they did not want the other fellow. Mrs. Morrell got all the votes except 4 and yet a certain member of that lodge is still writing to us stating that the people do not want Mrs. Morrell. It appears as if the people want Mrs. Morrell but do not want the Fellow who is about to die for the position. It is bad to want the people and the people fail to want you. Ofcourse the people will tell you that they want you but they just hate to tell you that they do not want you. The way they prove that they do not want you is by staying at home and not voting for you. They will see you the next day and tell you that they are sorry but if the people want you they will be there to vote for you. It is useless to say all of the members are not present and we will put the meeting off. All of them are not coming, you will have to take what you have and if you lose they did not want you. It is bad for a Fellow to keep trying to put himself on folks when they don't want him. Some folks should learn to take a hint. when folks don't want you they don't come out and vote for you, neither do they come and vote against you if they think that there will be enough people there to defeat you without their vote.

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## THANKS

We wish to thank Brother E. C. Cole and his good members of No. 50 for a nice contribution on our church building. Each member of the lodge gave 10c each, making a total of $2.10.

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In comes a report from No. 177 of which Brother J. D. Pace is local president. We wish to thank that lodge for $1.05. May the God of Peace be with you all in all of your deliberations. I am doing my best to build a nice church that will be a credit to the colored people of this city and to the city in general.

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## NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Dear Presidents:

Sometime ago I notified you through the Echo that I wanted all presidents to see to it that all members have their policies. We want you to know that if any member dies without a policy, he will have trouble getting his claims paid. Please have your members to always get a transfer whenever they wish to transfer from you to some other lodge. Without a transfer you are in bad.

E. F. YOUNG, General President.

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## LETTERS OF RESPONSE

Dear Rev. Young:

This is to let you know that my members and I will help you on your church

ASA W. WALKER, President.

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Rev. Young:- We will do our best for you on your church.

J. S. BRYANT, President.

Dear Editor:

Your check from No. 251 is forthcoming.

IVY JORDAN, President.

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Rev. Young:

Just a line to let you know that we will help you on your church.

J. C. COLEMAN, President.

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Dear Rev. Young:- It just suits us to help you on your church.

H. A. HAYES, No. 130.

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Rev. Young:- With pleasure No. 236 will help you on your church drive.

L. A. BROOKS, President.

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Dear Rev. Young: H. B. A. No. 30 is always pleased to do something for you. As you know we will stand by you. We believe you to be a real man and we want to push you.

MRS. ANNIE BLANKS, President.

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In a few days a check will be at your office Rev. Young.

J. H. McLAUGHLIN, Presiden.

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Mr. Secretary: No. 249 is going to send you a nice surprise on the church building.

J. R. JORDAN, President.

Dear Rev. Young: No. 213 is going to give you a nice donation on your church. My members are loyal.

E. D. McLEMORE, President.

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## NOTICE!

Dear Presidents and members:- My rally is put off until May. Those who wanted more time to help me on my church have until May 1st. I want

all reports in not later than May 1st.

R. L. YOUNG, Pastor.

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Dear Rev. Young: No. 181 delights to know that it has a chance to help you build a nice church.

J. T. JONES, President.

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## THANKS AGAIN

In comes another report from Mrs. Hattie Smith and her good members of No. 40 for $1.30. Thank you sister Smith. You all may not know how this helps me.

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Dear Presidents:

If you have any members in your lodge who complain and do not want to give a little donation on the church building, please do not become angry with them. Have them to know that it is not compulsory. It is altogether a free-will offering and wherever you have a person who does not want to give just thank him or her and tell him that I thank him just the same. It is a work that I am doing for God and not for myself, therefore No One is compelled to work or do anything for God. God leaves it up to us to act on our free-will and that is what we are doing in this case. If there be a president who does not want to do, please do not think that I will think hard of you.

I know that some of you presidents will have members to complain but tell them to keep quiet and let the fellow give who desires. The work must be done and will be done by those who have a desire to do and those who do not want to do cannot keep those of us who want to do from putting the job over.

May God bless all of you. Please read this letter in your lodge to your members.

Yours for the cause of Christ and His Church,

R. L. YOUNG.

## H. B. A. DEATH LIST FOR MARCH BOARD

Districts One and Two: (Tentative)

1-Bettie Croft, died Dec. 5, '26, H. Thompson, President; Chunkey, Miss.

2-Mary Deeton, No. 64, died Dec. 12, '26, J. G. Gulley President, Enondaie, Miss.

3-Edmon Brooks, No. 236, died Jan. 1, '27; L. A. Brooks, President, Kewanee, Miss.

4-Jake Miller, No. 21, died Feb. 7, '27, F. Ott, President, Toomsuba, Miss.

5-A. L. Tolbert, No. 136, died Dec. 18, '26, I. P. Triplett, President, Brooksville, Miss.

Districts Three, Four and Five:

1- Rosa Hall, No. 180, died Dec. 7, '26, C. H. Hall, President, Prentiss, Miss.

2-Maggie Thurman, No. 255, died Dec. 12, '26; A. L. Simpson, president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

3-Lucy Smith, No. 99, died Dei. 24, '26; W. M. Barnes, president, Seminary, Miss.

4-Susie Ray, No. 213, died Dei. 23, '26; E. D. McLemore, president, Quitman, Miss.

5-Mollie Sherrod, No. 141, died Dec. 21, '26; A. Price president, Enterprise, Miss.

6-R. Joordan, No. 183, died Jan. 13, '27; Mrs. L.. Watson president, Lumberton, Miss.

7-James Davis, No. 248, died Jan. 13, '27; C. C. Williams, president, Brooklyn, Miss.

8-J. H. Patterson, No. 133, died Jan. 28, '27; W. J. Rankins, president, Magee, Miss.

9-Charity Moody, No. 148, died Jan. 16, '27; C. H. Moody president, Soso, Miss.

Oliver Square, No. 242, died Jan. 16. '27; Mrs. Ella J. Banks, president Pachuta, Miss.

11-Mack Free, No. 23, died Feb. 13, '27; J. M. Thompson president, Bassfield, Miss.

## NOTICE!.

We have other deaths that were reported but the presidents have failed to collect the Building fee and for that reason I am not sending their names out. We have emphasized this matter of paying all claims but some of our people seem to think that they can do as they please and get by. If the General Body passes you it is O. K. with me but I must stay within my bounds.

Presidents of One and Two will please collect $1.20 per member. Presidents of Three, Four and Five will please collect $1.00 per member.

Please remember that all new members are to pay 55c on the Building when they send for their policies. We want to ask our agents to be more careful. We are having a large number of complaints against some of you. Some of you are taking people who are 80 and 90 years old. The Association cannot live long at that.

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## THE BOARDS MEET AS FOLLOWS:

One and Two at the H. B. A. Building March 24th. No. Three at Enterprise March 25th. No. Four at Newhebron, out from Prentiss, Miss. Mar. 29th. No. Five at Bassfield, Miss. March 30th.

Please be on time.

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Some of our presidents have members who did not pay in the last Boards. I mean new members. Please remember that if a member is made one night before the Board meets he must pay dues and death claims the next day just as all old members pay. Some one said that was not right. Well listen brother, if that member dies in three days after he joins do you think it is right for his relatives to draw as much money as the ones who have been in the Association for 10 years? Every body must pay if he joins 10 minutes before the Board meets. Presidents be fair. Please don't "rat" on us.

FROM REV. D. L. BARNETT

Laurel, Miss.

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to let the many readers know that I am a member of the H. B. A., and am in accord with all of its movements. As a rule, every thing has a name, but the H. B. A. has a fame that cannot be disputed. The fame of the H. B. A. is so strong that a poor man cannot fall. A few days ago, I was talking with a friend, and he was telling me how the H. B. A. had helped him save his home. There was a time when their home was about to be taken by some one, because the person who had some indebtness, was not able to pay, and meet his obligations. I am told that those persons were not members of the H. B. A, but later joined and somehow the H. B. A.'s saved the property. That is something that is worth while. I am told that because of the work, and good that the H. B. A. has done, and is still doing, that, that whole family is now back in the H. B. A., and expect to live as H. B. A.'s and after they have lived H. B. A.'s as long as they can, then they are going to die H. B. A.'s.

We truly hope that this order will continue to grow. As a miniseter, I shall do all I can for the progress, and growth of the Order. We want to see the Echo grow and get bigger. We also want to see the Voice of the People, published at Laurel, Miss. grow. Mr. Clark is the hustling little Editor.

I shall come again, Mr. Editor, when I find a little more to say.

603 E 11 Street, Laurel, Miss.

Dear Editor:

I am glad to say that we have a strong H. B. A lodge in our communtiy. I think that I can truthfully say that the order is the best that has ever been in our section. All the people in our section who have become members are very proud of this order. It is our desire to gain others and we are working toward that end.

Just give us a little time and we will show the Association what we can do.

I am yours for the cause,

J. R. Jordan, Lodge No. 249

Dear Editor: Some time ago we lost a good member in the person of Sister Louis Ray. May we extend to brother Ray our heart felt sympathy. Sister Ray was of a high moral character. Sister Ray was loved by many. May God care for those loved ones left behind.

E. D. McLEMORE, No. 213, Quitman, Miss.

Mr. J. M. Russell was in the office a few days ago and rened up his lodge up. We now have on hand $24.00 from his lodge for September 1924. This is the date of the Split. As soon as we have enough we will send out some money for September 1924. We are not going to send it out until we get a nice little sum on hand. Please don't worry, you have waited two years and you can wait a little longer. This only applies to those who weere paid off in September 1924. I hope none of the presidents will write to me telling me that they have not received their money as some did about the commission on the fonerals. Ofcourse if you did not know what I meant you had a right to find out.

Dear Editor: Please allow space for the Lilly of The Field Society to say Greetings:

The Marion Juaenile society is getting along fine. We hope to do big and better things by the next Board. We hope to meet each Guide at the next Board with smiles.

Yours for the cause,

NAOMI BROWN, President.

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NOTICE

Wautubbie, Miss.

We wish to add to the H. B. A. death list the following:

Curtis Bourdeaux, No. 65 in districts 1 and 2.

Sarah Breland No. 224 in district 4.

One of these deaths occured just as we were about off the press and the other was overlooked by the local president and was not sent to my office.

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## MISSIONARY WORK

What roll shall we, as Missionary Workers of the Meridian District, play?

As I look over the history of the Missionary workers from the earliest period of Missionary work to the present day workers and observe the great work that is and has been accomplished, it causes me to ask the question which is the subject of this article. Shall we go into this needy work carelessly seeing the many precious souls to be saved, reading of the many homeless children to be educated, hearing of the great press of the nation and not answer their cries nor go to their rescue by doing our bit, whether it be at home or abroad? We should go forward as never before and do the work of the Master. We should always be willing to give our means for such a cause. Every member of the Meridian District should do his bit to make our work a success. If the Mission Department will do this, we will find ourselves anchoring at the first milestone. To do this great work, we must posess the Missionary spirit. We must be willing workers. May I ask if we as members of this department know the meaning of "Willing Work?" If we understand this, do we work for principles? Work is the only inspirational touch-stone from which all achievements spring. I believe that the Meridian District has women who are forward working and they stand ready to be used for the work of the Kingdom. The call of the Master is for women who are not for sale, honest women who are sound from center to circumference and when duty whispers low, thou must, we will reply we can lend a helping hand and salute the honest workers of this great cause.

MISS DAISY LEE REECE, Pres.
of Holly Spring C. M. E. Mission
Department, Bassfield, Miss.

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The Ministeral Alliance of this city is doing nicely. The meetings are held each Tuesday at the Public Library at ten o'clock.

## CRANDALL DOTTS

The beginning of the new year was quite a grand affair.

The Memorial Service of the Emancipation by No. 123 Lodge H. B. A.'s surpassed any that had observed it here.

An excellent explantation on the service were made by Mrs. Jennie E. McRae and Prof. S. L. Donald and the paper delivered by Mrs. Minnie Odis Campbell (principal of Cedar Public School.) Subject: "Peace, Unity and Tranquility." The causes of the Emancipation proclamation, proved her efficiency to master the situation in the school room.

"The Closed Door" by Mrs. Pinkie Howard, "Faith" by Mrs. Lillie Dunn, "Gain the Hight,, by Mrs. Ollie Marsh, and "Progress of the Colored Race in America" by Mrs. Sallie M. Clindon, were all most noble papers and excellent delivered.

A collection was taken and divided among the School Widows and H. B. A. Lodge.

The President made timely comments on the occasion. Mrs. Sallie McClendon took care of the situation, acting as mistress of the program.

The people showed their appreciations by turning out in throngs to witness the same and make the occasion grand.

One meeting night of the Lodge, an old time devotional service was rendered to the Lord, and Rev. Geo. Parish made the whole Lodge feel uplifted. Petitioning in its behalf, the President outlined his program for 1927, of which met the Lodge's approval.

No. 123 is ready to take care of the Board or the convention at any time. Rev. C. H. Hub, P. C. of Mt. Nebo, A. M. E. Church, was with us in the Emancipation Service and proved equal to the task assigned him. His sayings are "All the things that hops are not frogs." Mr. Geo. W. Donald of Tougaloo College was visting his old home and friends Christmas, reports the Tougoloo is the place for the boys and girls.

*Booster*

The meeting of February was a success. Love and peace prevailed. Bro. Murphy started the ball to rolling by placing his fine (.15) for being absent from H. B. A. entertainment, on the tablet without being asked and others followed.

Bro. Joe McLone's foot was badly mashed, but is doing nicely now. Quite a few were ill with flu and prevented their presents.

No. 123 says Rev. R. L. Young's church program will have her consideration, so listen: The weather was disagreeable, yet, Sister Pinkie Howard and Sister Lewis hitched up old Fannie and were present. Its a source of pleasure to meet No. 123's jolly crowd on its meeting night and one hates to be absent.

Rev. Hub, Tate, Lee, Pow, and Kelley are on their jobs against sin and says in their sermons "Ye are the Salt of the Earth." Are they talking about the H. B. A's? I guess so.

One said they hadn't lost their Savior, for they are taming the people.

Rev. Parish keeps busy. They notified him to stay at home on Sunday to marry couples.

Bro. C. G. Hopkins, Mr. F. C. Campbell Jr. left Crandall, Miss., Feb-26, 1927 for Ohio. We wish for their future success. They are young men of culture and refinement.

Rev. C. L. Pringle is seen often at Crandall. That means more H. B. A.'s.

*Booster*

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P. S.—Our worthy President of No. 123 says just as soon as the weather get suitable, she will submit her 1927 program to her Lodge, and her members stand ready to receive it.

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A few days ago we had Rev. D. H. Watson with us and he meant much to our lodge. He turned the H. B. A. light on and we see things as never before. We hope for him such success. This is the grandest order that we have ever had. We believe that the right men are at the head.

Yours for a greater H. B. A.
Rev. A. L. Orange, President, No.
190, Waynesboro, Miss.

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## EDITORIAL

On Friday evening, March 11 at 7:30, a spelling match was conducted at Wechsler Public School. The following schools competed for honors: Haven Teachers College, Baptist Seminary and Wechsler Public School. Haven easily won the honors. The contest was hard fought, especially by Haven and Wechsler. The Seminary did well under the direction of the students. Prof. and Mrs. Reece could not be present because of other engagements.

The following grade schools competed for honors: East End, West End, and South Side. This contest was hotly contested. All of the contestants showed that they had had a good training. Prof. E. L. Williams, Miss Emma Ivy and Miss Emerson had done wonderful work with these children. All of the coaches from the various schools were commended for the splendid work. South Side School won from West End and the contest was then between East End and South Side. East End won by a small margin which showed that the two schools are almost equal, all things being considered. All who know Miss Ivy are aware of the fact that she believes in thorough work. We are told that the same can be said of Prof. Williams and Miss Emerson. The match was conducted for the benefit of Newel Chapel Church of which Rev. R. L. Young is pastor. Rev. Young had charge of the affair and cleared a nice little sum. The pastor and membership are planning to build a nice brick church in the near future.

## Important to the New H. B. A.'s

All local presidents who made their report in the last board for the first time and all new lodges that will report in the March Boards for the first time, Please Take Notice.

The new lodges that reported in December for the first time will please collect $1.75 from your local lodge and report same in the March Board for Echo and Publication Fee. All lodges that have been organized since the last board will please collect $1.50 and report the same for Echo and Publication Fee. We forgot to collect from the new lodges in the last board, therefore, are collecting now. You will bear this in mind, it is compulsory. This law was enacted by the Convention of 1925. All local lodges are to receive the Echo and your reports are to be published for $2.00 per year. The yearly collection is made in the September Board of each year. Those who come in after the board are required to pay for the year less 25c per quarter.

Secretary.

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Mr. Albert Foster and Mrs. Pinkie Mason were united in Holy Wedlock on March 17. We wish to congratulate the bride and groom. We think that each has made a wise selection. Mrs. Mason is the daughter of Rev. Robert Nelson. Mr. Foster was reared by Mr. Bonney McShan. The ceremony was preformed by the Rev. R. L. Young.

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Dear Rev. Young: You may look for a nice check from lodge No. 71 at DeLo, Miss.

D. H. HARPER, President.

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Rev. Young: I am doing my best for you in your church drive.

W. L. McDADE, President
DeKalb, Miss.


1,000 New Members Wanted By The June Board

## CORRESPONDANCE

Dear Rev. Young: Please allow me a short space in your paper to say that Rev. H. L. Thompson joined our lodge on March 7. He is the pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Mt. Olive, Miss. We had a good meeting and enjoyed ourselves. I like the H. B. A. better and better each day of my life.

Mrs. Eliza Williams
Lodge No. 116
Mt. Olive, Miss.

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A few days ago Rev. H. Ray was in our office. After a long chat, I was told that Rev. Ray was on his first leg. That he is not married and never has been. This was a surprise to me and I told him that I would let the ladies, both old and young know it, through the Echo. We must get busy and marry Rev. Ray off. He needs some one to look after him. Get ready, sisters.,————————I want all of you to put on your caps.

R. L. Y.

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Dear Editor:—A few days ago Rev. D. H. Watson was at our lodge and he was shining for the H. B. A. He added seven members to our lodge and gave new inspiration to all. We will be glad to have him again.

S. M. Scales, Pres. No. 199
Waynesboro, Miss.

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Dear Editor: We made no mistake when we called in Rev. D. H. Watson a few days ago to organize us a new lodge. We had some people in our community who desired to become members of the Association and now we have a splendid lodge in this section.

Mrs. Mary D. Faulkoner, Pres.
R. 2 Box 25
Shubuta, Miss.

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Dear. Rev. Young: We, the members of No. 95 of which Rev. C. L. Pringle is the local president are mailing you a money order for $5.00 on your new church. We have a loyal set of members and they are always ready to help such men as you. If all lodges would do as we have done I know you would get your $500.00.

God in the midst of us is mighty to quicken, to save, to strengthen, and to save. He will heal and renew, he will make whole if we seek Him. We pray for your success.

Mrs. Sallie Pringle, Financial Sec.
Carmichael, Miss.

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Dear Rev. Young: The members of Blue Spring Lodge No. 49 are few in number. We are less than 20, but we are sending you a check for $4.89. We may send more.

L. R. ECHOLS, President No. 49.

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My Dear Rev. Young: In regards to your church movement, I wish to say that we are going to stand by you. We feel that you deserve help. We need men who will do things for the race, regardless of the denomination. The thing we want is race lifters everywhere.

Look for a nice sum from us.

Rev. W. T. Smith, 705 East Pine St.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Dear Friends: I want to ask that each local lodge and its members make its report on my church not later than May 1. I want to thank those who have responded so liberally. Our rally has been put off until May. I am not expecting every lodge to respond, but there are some that will stand by me to the last. We may have some presidents who do not care to take a part in this effort and on the other hand we have some members who do not care to assist. When the rally is over, I want to publish the lodge, the amount and the name of the local president who marshalled his or her forces in helping me to do the work.

R. L. YOUNG

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Mrs. Bettie Faulkoner of No. 77 at Ellisville, Miss., reports her lodge in first class condition. Since the last board she and her good members have been bringing things to pass. They are making new members, visting the sick, paying bills, having on movements, that mean success to any lodge and making a good impression in general. Go to it No. 77, that is what we want.

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Sumrall, Miss.
March 8 1927.

Dear Rev. Young;

H. B. A. Lodge No. 237 of which Rev G. C. Wells is President, is always pleased to do something for you and the service of the Lord. You may look for a check in short. We are loyal mmbers. That is our calling to help all good causes.

MRS. BEULAH THOMAS. Sec.

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Dear Editor: A few days ago, Rev. D. H. Watson was at our lodge meeting and he was shining for the H. B. A. He added seven members to our lodge and gave new inspiration to all. We will be glad to have him again.

R. C. Cooley, President,
Barnett, Miss.

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Dear Editor: It pleases us to report that Rev. D. H. Watson was with us in last month representing the H. B. A. He organized a lodge with seventeen new members and two old ones. He had the old members to know that they would have to go back to their old lodge No. 92 and get their transfer by paying all that they owed at the time they quit if they desired to be members of the new lodge. We think that Rev. Watson did great good coming to us.

E. D. DONTLE, President
R 4 Box 25 Laurel, Miss.

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Dear Editor: Just a few words to let the readers know that a storm passed through Enondale on the 17 of February. It struck the plantation and home of Mrs. R. E. Burton. A dwelling and a barn were blown down. Quite a bit of timber was blown down. The home of Prof. Johnson was damaged. We are proud to know that our lives were spared and no one was hurt.

R. E. BURTON, Reporter

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Don't get behind in the H. B. A. Don't except too much for such little. Don't ask your brother to look after your affairs. Don't be an office seeker to the extent that you hurt yourself among your friends. Don't think everybody is after you. Don't put your society ahead of your church. Don't talk about your preacher, but talk to him. Don't talk to other people about the short coming of your family. Don't be one to violate the laws of your land. Don't mistreat your wife or husband, neither your children. Don't talk about things that you know not of. Don't be a chronic grumbler always finding fault of someone.

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The following lodges have not paid their last building assessment, therefore I have not sent a report blank for the March Board:

W. H. Langham, President, No. 105, Wiggins, Miss.

L. Brumfield, President, No. 229.

A. L. Simpson, President, No. 260.

Dixie Russell, No. 147.

D. C. Croft, President No. 228.

Some time ago I published a list that had not paid, but the most of the presidents have made some arrangements for settlement. Until the building assessment is paid it is useless to pay any other claims, therefore I did not send any blanks.

R. L. Y.

The stork visited the home of Rev. and Mrs. Young on March 4 and left a fine boy, R. L. Jr. Mother and the baby are doing nicely.

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Mr. J. M. Russell of Marion, Miss., and president of No. 25, lost his daughter a few days ago. We extend to the bereived family our heart felt sympathy.

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## H. B. A. DEATH LIST FOR MARCH BOARD

**District One and Two: (Tentative)**

1—Bettie Croft, died Dec. 5, 1926. H. Thompson, President, Chunkey, Miss.

2—Mary Deeton, No. 64, died Dec. 12 1926. J. G. Gulley, President, Enondale, Miss.

3—Edmon Brooks, No. 236, died Jan. 1. 1927. L. A. Brooks, President, Kewanee, Miss.

4—Jake Miller, No. 21 died Feb. 7, 1927. F. Ott, President, Toomsuba, Miss.

5—A. L. Tolbert, No. 136, died Dec. 18, 1926. I. P. Triplett, President, Brooksville, Miss.

6—S. L. Rush. No. 185, died Nov. 24, 1926. Esaw Sledge acting president, Marion, Miss.

7—Curtis Bourdeaux, No. 65, died Dec. 7, 1926. Will Bourdeaux, President, Meridian, Miss.

**District Three, Four and Five:**

1—Rosa Hall, No. 180, died Dec. 7, 1926. C. H. Hall, President, Prentiss, Miss.

2—Maggie Thurman, No. 255, died Dec. 12, 1926. A. L. Simpson, President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

3—Lucy Smith, No. 99, died Dec. 24, 1926. W. M. Barnes President, Seminary, Miss.

4—Susie Ray, No. 213, died Dec. 23, 1926. E. D. McLemore, President, Quitman, Miss.

5—Mollie Sherrod, No. 141, died Dec. 21, 1926. A. Price, President, Enterprise, Miss.

6—R. Jordan. No. 183. died Jan. 13. 1927. Mrs. L. Watson, President, Lumberton, Miss.

7—James Davis, No. 248, died Jan. 13, 1927. C. C. Williams, President, Brooklyn, Miss.

8—J. H. Patterson, No. 133, died Jan. 28, 1927. W. J. Rankins, President, Magee, Miss.

9—Charity Moody, No. 148, died Jan. 16, 1927. C. H. Moody, President, Soso, Miss.

10—Oliver Square, No. 242, died Jan. 16, 1927. Mrs. Ella J. Banks, President, Pachuta, Miss.

11—Mack Free, No. 23, died Feb. 13 1927. J. M. Thompson, President, Bassfield, Miss.

12—Sarah Breeland, No. 226, died Feb. 26, 1927. Susan Fairley, President, Maxie, Miss.

13—Homer Hartzog, No. 160, died Dec. 21, 1927. W. J. Tate, President, Prentiss, Miss.

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AN AUTUMN LETTER TO A SUMMER GENT

Paper parasols and the sea
  Are what I recall when I think of you—
Paper parasols and the sea,
  Each saucily white and blue.
You said that your love was like the sea,
  As permanent, sure and deep, and all;
But your love, alas, dear, proved to be
  Most like the paper parasol.—*Via R. O. F.*

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## MARCH BOARDS A GRAND SUCCESS—$5,408.16 RAISED

### Lower Districts Pay $220.00 Each; Nos. 1 and 2 Pay $225.48 Each

The H. B. A. Boards that closed a few days ago proved to be a splendid success. The first day's session was held at the Building. The best of spirit existed and everybody seemed well pleased. Not one person showed a spirit of dissatisfaction. The business of the boards is so heavy that the general secretary had a private secretary to look after his personal affairs while he looked after the work of the Association. Mrs. Hattie Smith was his secretary for the first day's work and she took care of the work in a splendid way.

Brother J. B. Bryant, our ex-agent, was present and delivered one of his old-time addresses. It was enjoyed by all present. Those who know Bryant are aware of his ability to do things. Rev. M. W. Wilson, Vice-President of No. 253, was present and delivered a splendid talk. Rev. M. Wade, pastor of the Good Hope Circuit, was introduced and made some timely remarks. Mr. Henry Strayhorn was present for the first time to speak to the Association. He spoke in the interest of the Beal & Strayhorn Undertaking Co. He stated that he was not connected directly with us, but indirectly he is connected. As a matter of fact his family is directly connected with the H. B. A., and he felt that he is still a part of us. He stated that he was a young man in the business, to render service and to make a living, and he desired to get some of the H. B. A. business. Whatever was turned his way he would appreciate it. Mr. Strayhorn stated that he did not expect to reach the top by knocking the other fellow; he desired that every man get that which rightfully belonged to him. Though he was and is a member of the C. B. A., he felt that we all are one, and he not only wanted to bury C. B. A.'s, but H. B. A.'s just as any other undertaker. We do not want any of the undertakers to think that we do not want them to do work for the H. B. A., as a matter of fact all of them belong to us, and all should be patronized. Of course it is quite natural for the Association to stick a little closer to the fellow who sticks closer to us, that is just common sense. Yes, Mr. Strayhorn, I think it is right for us to help you as well as the rest of our establishments. We are going to give all of you some of this H. B. A. "pie."

Board No. 1 will meet in June at the Building, while No. 2 will meet at Lauderdale with Oak Grove No. 30.

SECOND DAY

On the 25th we were at Enterprise, Miss., with President H. R. Evans. It goes without saying the Board was well cared for. That little man called Evans is a real man, and we feel that he can be depended upon. We need some more men like Evans and some others who are standing by us in putting over the program of the H. B. A. President Evans has about the third lodge in number of members, and his lodge is still growing. We found nothing but peace and good will existing in No. 3. Rev. Barlow, Rev W. L. Mills and Rev. Lindsay were all present and all made interesting talks and spoke well of the H. B. A.

The next Board goes to Kelona, Miss., purely a Negro settlement with a Negro postmaster.

Mrs. Ella Morrell was the private secretary who looked after the personal work of the General Secretary. Rev. D. H. Watson was found at all of the Boards helping to make things go. Watson is a lover of the H. B. A., and is always willing to do his best to put things over. Mrs. D. H. Watson, one of our Juvenile agents, was at two of the boards. It would be fine if our local presidents would work up a juvenile lodge and send for Mrs. Watson to organize their lodges.

We had one claim that was held up and we did not pay it at the Board because the member did not have a policy. We would advise that each president see to it that all of your members have their policies, for we are turning any claim down where the deceased has no policy unless it is a member who has not been in the H. B. A. more than 30 days.

On Tuesday the 29th we were in a new place among new people. The Board met at Oak Grove Baptist Church, of which Rev. W. T. Smith is pastor. Deacon C. M. Myers is the hustling local president, and he and his good people made things pleasant. It is, indeed, a pleasure to go where you are wanted and are treated with the greatest of respect. "Big John" Rankins, as he is called at home, is the biggest John in the Association. He has the biggest lodge in the Association Rankins is an agent, and is local president of two local lodges as follows: No.'s 118 and 133. If you will turn to the reports you will find that he is gone. Our friend W. C. McLeod of Bassfield, has turned the leadership over to Rankins. It appears as if J. M. Thompson and his good people are trying to lead W. C. Go to it, boys.

Mrs. Carrie Jurry of Shubuta, Miss., is another wizard. She leads District 3. Some of us don't like her, but she has got the goods. With some of us against her she holds the fort with ease.

The welcome addresses at New He-

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Dear Presidents and Friends of the H. B. A.:—

This comes to let you know again that I desire to thank you all for what you have done in helping me to put over my church program. May I also remind you of your final promise for the first of May. I am desirous of having a splendid success. May I earnestly beg that you all help me to raise my $500.00? Some of you have helped and promised to do more. Whatever you get, if it is just 10c, it will help me very much. After the drive is over I am going to publish the number of the lodge and the name of the local presidents who stood by me in this grand and noble effort. In other words, I will publish all lodges and whatever the amount may be—something or nothing—I shall publish and give you credit for same.

Yours for the Master,

REV. R. L. YOUNG.

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Dear Editor: Just a few words to let the readers know that the death angel visited the home of our beloved brother, Robert Williams, a few days ago, and he was transplanted to another world. He was a member of H. B. A. No. 94. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. A host of friends are left to mourn with his beloved family.

We trust our loss is heaven's gain.

C. W. BELT, Pres.,
Newton, Miss.

bron by the following were grand: Misses Gilbert, Norwood, Hartzog, Myers, Norwood, and the president. Plenty of life and pep was among the brethren. Rev. E. L. Fox and Dr. W. J. Tate saw to it that no one was sad. Rev. Fox knows how to respond to a welcome address, especially when it pertains to eating (smiles). The quartet by the "Big Four" of Oak Grove was at its best. Those young people "sing, sang, sung."

Our own Prof. Johnson of Prentiss came out to see us and made one of those big speeches that only a Johnson can make. Prof Johnson is a financial member of the Association and is always willing to do his bit for the progress of the concern. Whenever we meet him he gives encouraging words. The thing that lies nearer his heart is Prentiss Normal School of which he has given his best days. Along with him is his loving wife, who always has gladness and sunshine to give to those who are in need.

The next Board of No. 4 goes to Oakvale, Miss. Many were bidding for the Board, but only one place could win.

LAST DAY

On Wednesday we were found at the old historic place, Bassfield, Miss. We were entertained by No. 23, of which J. M. Thompson is the local president. "Jim," as he is usually called, is one of the truest sons of the H. B. A.; he is slow to speak, but whenever he speaks he is right, nine times out of every ten, and possibly 19 times out of every 20. He can be absolutely depended upon; if he fails to understand a thing he goes after it in the right and most helpful way in order that he might understand.

Everybody knows what Bassfield can and will do. She entertains her guests on the highest order. The welcome address delivered by Miss Daisy L. Reece was grand. It seems as if the Reece girls are born orators. Whenever they strike the floor there is something doing. Not only do they talk, but they can write some splendid articles.

The next Board of No. 5 goes to Gulfport, Miss.

Following are the reports from the various lodges. Some of these reports have been received since we paid off and some have made supplementary reports that will have to be counted as back money, and yet if we get enough on hand we will not hold it until the next Board:

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| 19 | 2.55 | 18.90 | | |
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| 28 | 7.95 | 56.70 | | |
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| 92 | 6.75 | 39.10 | | |
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| 119 | 9.75 | 56.10 | | |
| 120 | 2.70 | 16.15 | | |
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| 266 | 4.35 | 25.50 | | |
| 267 | 2.70 | 16.15 | | |

Dear Presidents: If it happens that you find an error in your reports please notify me. I will gladly correct same.

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The following lodges have not reported:

No. 106 at Collins, Miss., A. D. Knight, President.

No. 162 at Brooksville, Miss., A. B. Calmeas.

No. 171, Wiggins, Miss., E. L. Crosby.

No. 174 at Wiggins, Miss., James Fairley.

No. 211 at Buccatunna, Miss., C. W. Poe.

No. 223 at Waynesboro, Miss., P. W. Darby.

No. 227 at Purvis, Miss., Miles McLendon.

No. 228 at Lightsey, Miss., Rev. D. C. Croft.

No. 238 at Pearson, Miss., A. B. Terrell.

No. 241 at Poplarville, Miss., L. C. Carter.

Again, if a mistake in any form is found just notify me. If any one has receipts for your reports by the Association or by Post Office order, do not become alarmed, just write me and I shall gladly correct same.

SECRETARY.

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County of Lauderdale.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Roy L. YYung, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor, publisher, business manager and owner of The Echo, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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ROY L. YOUNG.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 7th day of April, 1927.

(Seal) FRANCES MITCHELL.

(My commission expires April 29, 1930)

Dear Editor: A few words to let the other lodges know that No. 45, in the Delta, is still on top. We feel that the Lord has blessed us. We have not lost a member. There are 24 members of our lodge and we have a fine chance to grow. We are looking for some more at our next meeting. You may expect big things of us.

Yours for the success of the order,

J. M. MARTIN Pres.

J. E. PRYOR, Sec. Lambert, Miss.

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On March 16 the home of Mr. E. W. Hall, undertaker, Hattiesburg, Miss., was entered by thieves and $165.00 was stolen. Fifteen dollars was taken from Mr. Hall's trouser pockets, while $150.00 was taken from Mrs. Hall's purse. The purse was in the dresser drawer near the bed where they both were sleeping. The thieves after relieving the pocket book of its money, left about $20.00 in money orders and threw the pocket book up under the hall tree in the hallway. Forty-five dollars of the stolen money was assessments collected for the H. B. A., and $85.00 was church money belonging to their local church, St. Paul.

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Dear Editor: Since your visit to our lodge we have taken on a new start. Everybody seems to be satisfied and is willing to work. Just one or two of us thought at one time that we neded a change, but we see things from another angle now. You may look for a nice donation on your church. MRS. ELLA MORRELL,
Pres. No. 76, Laurel, Miss.

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The Ministerial Alliance of this city is still moving forward. A splendid meeting was held last Tuesday. A large number of visitors were present as follows: Dr. M. T. J. Howard, Revs. E. B. Blackman, I. F. Field and Rev. Ward. It is predicted that this organization will mean much to the church life of our city.

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The Juvenile Board will meet at the H. B. A. office instead of meeting at Marion, Miss.

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Mrs. L. J. Hall was the efficient secretary to take care of the personal work of the General Secretary at Bassfield, Miss., while, Mrs. Myers the wife of our president, C. M. Myers, took care of the situation at New Hebron.

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## SHALL WE ALLOW H. B. A. LODGES TO SPLIT?

The above subject is one that should be given serious thought by our presidents and members. I have noticed here of late that we have quite a few memebrs who become dissatisfied with the person that the local lodge has elected as the head of that particular lodge. The first thing that some of them want to do is to pull out and split the lodge. In the first place if the majority of people will elect and re-elect a person as local president, I think the few that are in the minority should fall in line, especially when the lodge is continually growing. Do you mean to tell me that it is impossible for members to get along, or isn't it a fact that certain folks want to be at the head, and if they cannot beat a fellow fair they want to go around and tear up what some good president has built up. I have talked this matter over with the General President, and we came to this conclusion, that there will be no splits allowed, in the H. B. A. If a fellow just absolutely cannot stay in a lodge in love and peace the real truth is this, he has no business in the Association.

Some of our local presidents have been successful presidents for a number of years, and sometimes a fellow joins the order who knows just about as much about running a local lodge as a jay bird does about Sunday. This smart fellow comes in and if things do not go to suit that fellow he must "split." Now the best thing to do is for that president and lodge to put that fellow in his place. Someone may say that his place is out of the lodge. Well, if you find that he needs to be put out, just put up a job on him. All splits are brought about as a rule because some fellow wants to be a big man, and the people don't care to have such leaders. I have never seen an office seeker in matters of this kind who was worth a dime. Men who are in politics canvass and buy votes. Some are good, honest men and some are not. We do not want politics in the church and the H. B. A. We want to put all agents on notice that we do not want, and will not have, any splits. If a fellow just cannot get along with his neighbor and brother in this order the best thing for him to do is QUIT. Splits mean that you are going to try to tear up somebody's lodge. We want all local presidents to understand that if you have any members in your lodge and they want to pull out they must get a transfer to some local lodge that is already established and is recognized as being in good standing by the head of the Association. In fact, we want the local presidents to feel that we are with them, and we will do our best to help you hold what you have. I do not think that we have one local president who is willing to divide his or her lodge up in two parts after you have worked hard to build it. The bigger the membership the easier the lodge is to operate. I know that the people are troublesome but the more people you have together the easier it is to do big things. Do you not know that two persons can carry three buckets of water easier than one person can carry them? If two persons are to carry the water they will put a bucket in between them and one bucket on each outside and it is easily carried. But if one person is to carry the water he will have one bucket on his head and one in each hand; that means this: he must walk steady, can hardly look around without a strain, and many other handicaps.

I know that we do not have agents who will go around trying to tear up lodges, and we make mention of these facts in order that you might guard yourself against such. All agents are on the same basis as that of the local presidents. A local president is to hold his office for the term of two years provided he discharges his duty and has good conduct, etc. as a local president should have. Any local president may be removed from office for failing to do his duty as a president. Of course this does not mean that he must be moved for every little mistake that is made, but it means this, he must do his best so much so that the members are willing to keep him as their leader. Now the same will apply to the agents. The agents are not to interfere with local lodges in a manner that will cause dissatisfaction in the lodge. In fact an agent should be invited to lodges before visiting unless he is sent to a lodge by the General President to correct some matters. Or an agent may be traveling and wishes to visit a few lodges, and he may write to the local president and inform him that he is passing through and would like to visit his lodge if he has no objection. If that is agreed upon it is all right. I never visit any lodge unless I am invited. I know some lodges that need visiting, and I am sure they would do better if some good officer would visit them, but if you are not invited you should be careful as to how you visit.

I know the law says that the agent is to visit the lodges, etc., and yet we will have to be careful. If any agent will break peace and split the local lodges the best thing for that agent to do is quit, and if he will not quit his license should be taken. We have a number of people who want to be agents, and they do not know anything about the order. Why should a man want to be agent just to organize one lodge and then quit. Some people want to be agents in order to be a big man. May I say that being

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Easter was a high day in Meridian and elsewhere. Quite a few of the pastors went over the top. Rev. E. F. Young reports that he raised practically $200.00. This was a third more than his prorata. All the overs were put in the bank for the District Conference. Rev. G. W. Williams of Haven in Meridian raised $376.01. This was more than he owed for the year. The good people of Newel Chapel lead by Rev. R. L. Young, raised about $60.00 which was over their share. No special efforts were made to raise anything because of the drive that is now on to build a new church. Rev. M. W. Wilson and his good people of South Meridian did well. Rev. R. N. Jnoes of St. Paul M. E. Church raised about $255.00. Rev. G. W. Williams had two captains who did well. They were Mrs. Hampton, $161.01, and Miss Emma Hines, $215.00. Rev. Sherard of New Hope M. B., raised over $500.00.

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Dear Editor: On the 6th of March we had Agent Watson with us and he meant much to us. He told us many good things, and added two members to our lodge. We shall be glad to have Rev. Watson again.

Yours for a better H. B. A.,

E. M. DUNN,
No. 178, Hiwanee, Miss.

appointed to a position does not make you a big fellow. If you want to be a big man you must do some big things. Talk will not make anybody a big man. I know some people can beat the world when it comes to talking, but when it comes to doing something they can beat the world doing nothing. Brother, if you want to be counted you must do something else besides talk. A lot of times we find people who take the most of their time in talking about their local president. I do not have much respect for any member who will get behind the local president's back and talk about him and act a hypocrite to his face. If you are not man enough to say in a Christian-like manner the things on your mind to the president, you should shut your mouth. Some of our members have said that they just must have a split, it will help the order. Well, members, we do not want that kind of help. May I say that if any member wants to transfer from one lodge to another he must get his transfer from the lodge while the lodge is in session. The transfer must be signed by the local president and secretary and then sent to our office. Agents cannot transfer members from one lodge to another, but it must be done by the lodge. May I also state that a member is not to be transferred unless he is in good standing with his lodge. That means that if the lodge owes any doctors' bills the member must pay his share before being transferred. Again, I think that the General President will agree with me when I say that no member shall be transferred to any other lodge who is transferring because he is mad with some one. You do not need to let a fellow get hot and leave, but keep him there until he cools off and then send him to someone else. NO SPLITS ALLOWED IN THE H. B. A.

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There's a time for talk and a time to quit,
But the chap who stops when he's thru
Is the one who most often makes a hit,
And makes less pepole blue.

DID YOU KNOW IT?

Dear Friends: Did you not know that the time is drawing near and I cannot look for checks for help on my church program later than the first of May? I have some good friends who have not responded. I am looking to you for help, and this is the last call. Before the next issue of The Echo is out the time will be out. Did you know that the first of May will come on Sunday? Hurrah, boys, don't let me fail. It is our desire and intention to do the biggest thing in Meridian that has ever been done by our people.

Yours for a better church,

R. L. YOUNG.

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Jonesville, Ala., April 15, 1927.

The good people of Jonesville gave a grand entertainment in honor of the postamaster and his bride, Tuesday evening April 12, from 8 to 11 o'clock. This was a high occasion, and all present seemed to enjoy the affair in the highest. The affair was planned by Mrs. Melinda Buford, Mrs. M. F. Moss and others. The good ladies had plenty of cakes, ice cream and lemonade. Rev. T. M. Archie acted as master of ceremonies. He gave the postmaster and Mrs. Jones, the bride, a beautiful introductory. Mrs. Jones and the postmaster made some response to the great introduction.

Long live the good people of Jonesville.

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Enondale, Miss., April 12, 1927.

Editor of The Echo,
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Please allow space in your valuable medium to say a few things of the happenings in our vicinity.

Miss Bessie Moore, one of our most charming young ladies, was married to Prof. I. G. Jones of Jonesville, Ala., on Sunday, April 10, at 5:00 p. m., at the bride's home. Rev. T. H. Dixon, pastor of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, officiated. There were quite a number out to witness the wedding. The couple left Sunday evening for Jonesville. We wish for them many years of happiness and conjugal felicity.

May I say that I have sent out back money for 1 and 2 to the amount of $3.15 each. This money was for the December Board. If any of you had relatives who had deceased, and you were paid off in the December Board but have not received a check for $3.15, please write me, for I have mailed all the checks either to you or the local president, or to the one who represented you in that Board. Districts 1 and 2 paid a total for the December Boards of $230.52 to each representative. Districts 3, 4 and 5 paid to each representative for the December Board, $224.72. We have sent out back money for the lower districts to the amount of $3.00 each. Districts 1 and 2 paid $1.20 per member in the December Boards, and seven deaths, and they had the same number of deaths this past Board. They paid the same amounts before. Districts 3, 4 and 5 paid $1.00 each in December and the same in March. In December they had 12 deaths and in March they had 13 deaths, but they will pay as much or more to the 13 than they did to 12, with the same assessment. We have some more money that we may send out to all those who were paid off in March in the next few days.

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Dear Readers. This comes to let you know that we have been successful in employing Rev. R. L. Young, General Secretary of the H. B. A. and Editor of The Echo, to preach our annual sermon for us on the third Sunday in May at 3:30 p. m., at Enterprise, Miss. We are now inviting our friends to be present. It is our aim to give you a nice time. We take this method of inviting all local presidents and their lodges to come and be with us. We are asking that our Meridian friends come down and help us make the occasion a great one. We are expecting Rev. D. H. Watson and all of his Meridian friends.

Yours for a better H. B. A.,

A. R. PRICE, No. 141.

Enterprise, Miss.

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Love and believe; for works will follow spontaneous,
Even as day does the sun,

Dear Editor: Allow me space in the official organ of the H. B. A. to mention a few facts. I have been silent for quite a while, but I think it is about time for me to speak. May I say that I have been visiting some of the local lodges and find things moving along fairly well. A few days ago I was at No. 266, a new lodge, and I gave the members and local president wholesome instructions. I told them how you and your father struggled to make the Association what it is. As most of us know, you are the fountain head, and there has been nothing but something good that has been coming from you all. I was with No. 248 in their Anniversary a few weeks ago, and we had a nice time. Many of the visiting friends were present. Rev. Z. R. Evans preached a splendid sermon. His subject was "Hang Out Your Sign." He preached a splendid sermon to his hearers.

I visited No. 120 and I found that it is carried on practically by our good women. I was at a certain place a few days ago and heard some of our folks who wanted something talking about the heads of the order, and I just watched those fellows and then marked them. I have their number.

Your agent,

B. J. WILLIAMS,

Rt. 1, Box 48, Brooklyn, Miss.

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Dear Presidents: This comes to let you know that as General President of the H. B. A., I am ordering a dispensation for this quarter. This dispensation is to last until the close of the June Board. The joining fee will be 50c per member. This applies to old lodges, we are not interfering with the agents whatever. We want 1,000 new members. We are asking that each president do his best. We have the biggest membership that we have ever had and we want to see if we cannot enroll over six thousand by the next Convention. We have over six thousand at present, but they are not all in good financial standing, and we want that number paid up.

GENERAL PRESIDENT.

## LOOK! LOOK!

The big contest is now on to local lodges and agents. The local lodge that sends in the highest number of policies over 30, is to be given thirty H. B. A. Badges at the next Board. The lodge that sends in the second highest number over thirty will receive 20 H. B. A. Badges. The one sending in the third highest amount over thirty will receive 15 H. B. A. Badges. All presidents who have less than thirty members for whom they will get policies will receive a 20c check for each new member. We will send checks for every policy ordered, and at the Board the president holding the highest number over 30 will receive the number of badges mentioned above.

The agents will receive 35 badges for every 100 new members that they report at the Board, and like ratio for all over 100. All agents who report less than 100 will receive a 20c check for each member. It is understood that these members must be represented through new lodges.

The presidents who lead with over 30 will be crowned "King" of presidents at the next Convention. The same applies to agents. None of the applications that have been sent in before you read this will be counted. This contest starts when you receive The Echo. Please do not expect anything for the applications that you have sent in already. The contest is just now beginning.

E. F. YOUNG, Gen. Pres.
R. L. YOUNG, Sec.

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Dear Editor: This comes to you to let you know that the stork visited our home on March 13 and left a fine baby boy. He weighed 9 1-2 pounds. His name is L. R., Jr. Mother and the baby are doing well.

L. R. ECHOLS,

H. B. A. No. 49, Columbia, Miss.

Editor's Note:

Quite a few juniors are being born now. I think that means more H. B. A.'s. Well we need more members—the H. B. A. must grow.

### HER REASON WHY

A matron was confiding her domestic troubles to a friend. "I find," said she, "that my husband has charged some one in his office with the duty of calling me up every afternoon to mumble terms of endearment. That's a pretty way to treat one's wife, isn't it? He's been spending his afternoons at his golf club."

"How was it," asked the friend, "that you didn't at once notice it wasn't his voice that called?"

"Well," explained the aggrieved, "I've been pretty busy with bridge every afternoon and I've been having the maid answer the telephone."

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### NOT LIKELY

Jimmy, aged five, was being prepared for bed. Mother hunted high and low, but nowhere could she find the night-gown.

"Well, Jimmy," she said, "you'll have to wear your sister's just for tonight."

Jimmy drew himself up haughtily. "What?" he asked in astonishment. "Wear a girl's?"

"Yes, why not."

"I wont wear a girls nightgown," said Jimmy indignantly. "I'd rather go to bed raw."

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The committee of a London club had a very peculiar complaint to consider the other day. On the back of his dinner-bill a member had penned this protest: "The soup was absolutely beastly. It tasted like whiskkey." — Sporting and Dramatic News.

Dear Editor: Just a few words for No. 203. May I say that we are doing well and we have some members who are doing well. Our vice-president, Stephen G. Donel, was blessed on March 31. He had a fine girl born in his family. He also had four little kittens and nine little pigs born the same day. We hope for him a continued success. Yours in the H. B. A.,

MARY J. HEARNS,
Rt. 4, Box 23, Quitman, Miss.

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We may always know what is right; but not always what is possible. —Ruskin.

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## NOTICE

In the last issue of The Echo we gave our total, but we failed to give each item, therefore we are giving it now. The following amounts were raised in the last Boards:

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| Echo, for publication | $ 25.50 |
| Building fee | 50.00 |
| Back claims | 58.20 |
| Bond | 120.00 |
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## H. B. A. DRIVE IS NOW ON

In the last issue of The Echo we published the big drive that we have launched from now until the June Board. The drive is now hot. Both the agents and presidents are working hard. I have just received a letter from Agent J. D. Pace stating that he has organized a new lodge with 54 new members. Go to it, boys. I like to see a person make good with his license. I know some persons who get license each year and never organize a lodge, neither do they grow their local lodge. The time has come for all of us to work, and we are going to be compelled to not issue persons license who cannot do some real work. All local presidents are now permitted to make members for 50c each, the agents are to get $1 for each member they put in new lodges. All new members are to pay 55c building fund. If any member wishes to renew he may do so by paying 50c and whatever he owed at the time he quit or was suspended. Work hard; let the watchword be "work hard." It is our motto and strong desire and determination to have more than 6,000 financial members to be reported at the next Convention. We have more than that number at present, but all are not financial, and we must have that number by the Convention.

Rev. I. C. Harper was in town a few days ago and while here he bought a new car in order that he might be able to get out and organize new lodges. He states that he is now ready to make H. B. A.'s.

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Rev. D. H. Watson has been very ill for the past three weeks. We miss him very much. Agent Watson had quite a few engagements, but he has not been able to fill them. We are proud to state that he is now recovering.

## NEWS FROM BRAXTON

Braxton, Miss.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let you and the many readers know that Lodge No. 239 is still on the map. We had our annual sermon preached a few days ago, the second Sunday in April. The program was as follows:

Prayer service by Rev. A. L. Smith of Sumrall, Miss. Welcome address by Mrs. Ida Kennedy. Speech by Master W. D. Ajares, subject, "Christ, who loves us." Paper by Mrs. Isabella Burges, subject, "Unity." A trio from No. 179 was rendered and it was enjoyed by all.

President D. H. Harper of No. 71 and his good members were with us. Mrs. Bertha Smith, secretary of No. 71, made some timely remarks. A splendid response was made by Agent W. J. Rankins of Magee, Miss. The president, A. G. Kennedy, led in the singing, after which the speaker for the occasion was introduced. Rev. G. C. Wells was the speaker of this grand occasion. He did justice to the affair and our hearts were made to feel glad while he spoke to us.

After the sermon Agent Rankins arose and opened the doors for the reception of members. We took in 14 new applications for membership. The collection was as follows: Agent $7.00; other collections, $21.25; total $28.25. At this time Prof. W. M. Webb, secretary of Masonic Lodge No. 41, came forward. He is not a member of the H. B. A., but his heart is with us. He and his good wife are planning to join us soon. The last on the program was a dinner and you may know what we did when we went to the table. We all returned to our homes rejoicing because we had done ourselves and the occasion honor.

A. G. KENNEDY,, Pres.
MRS. LUCY KENNEDY,
Reporter and Sec. No. 239.

## NOTICE!

To the many friends and readers of The Echo: This comes to let you know that the drive for my brick church will come off on the second Sunday in this month. All persons are invited to be preesnt. We want to make this a high day in Meridian. We will have three services as follows: At 11:00 a. m., the Rev. J. R. Reynolds, A. M. Ph. D., of Houston, Texas, will preach. At 3:00 p. m., Dr. H. B. Banks of the Congregation Church, will preach. At 7:30 p. m., the Rev. E. W. Washington, pastor at Hattiesburg, Miss., will preach.

All H. B. A. members and local presidents are asked to be present.

Come out friends and help the pastor and members to put over a big program.

REV. R. L. YOUNG, Pastor.

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A few days ago we had a letter from Rev. J. M. Moore of Mathesville, Miss., stating that he was ill and had been for some time. Rev. Moore is one of our best men and can be depended upon. He has proven his worth to the Association by always making splendid reports for his lodge. He has never given the Association any trouble. His people believe in him. A few years ago some of them tried to kill his influence by writing to the headquarters, but we knew Moore had the proper material in him for a sound leader. His loving wife is right by his side to help make things grow. We hope for Rev. Moore a speedy recovery.

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Dear Editor: This comes to let you know that we have selected a new president of H. B. A. No. 199. Our former president, Mr. Sam Scales, has moved away. Mr. Earl McNeal is now president, Rt. 1, Box 75, Shubuta, Miss.

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## EDITORIAL

The overflow of the Mississippi river, the Father of Waters, and the breaking of many levees has brought about deplorable conditions among many, many people. The rich and fertile soils of the Mississippi Delta have been devastated, many people, both white and colored, have not only lost their possessions, but hundreds of lives have been lost. There are people who have lost their lives that will never be accounted for or found. Thousands of refugees are inVicksburg, Jackson, Meridian, etc. To sit and listen to these people tell the mournful story as to how their children were washed away by the mad rush of the foaming and slaughtering waters, their husbands and wives have been drowned, will bring tears to your eyes. The nation is now calling for aid. Every man and woman, every girl and boy, should do all possible for the relief of this awful condition. The people of Meridian, both white and colored, are doing their best to alleviate the present condition. The Civic League, of which Dr. D. W. Sherrod is president, was called together a few days ago and raised $32.50 in cash together with much clothing, bedding, etc. The Colored Ministerial Alliance, of which the editor, Rev. R. L. Young, is president, was called together, and in a short while the beloved pastors reported $120.10, besides clothing, bedding, etc. The Alliance has been on the job. The Red Cross headquarters is speaking to the colored people through the Ministerial Alliance. The white ladies and gentlemen who represent the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army have commended and praised the president and members of the Alliance for the splendid support that has been given to help relieve conditions. Had it not been for the Alliance there would not have been any organized force through which we could have done a commendable work. Many personal donations were given by the pastors and laymen. The H. B. A. Association donated $10.00.

We are making an appeal to the members of our race to stand by this most worthy cause. While talking with one of the refugees, a mother with two children by her side, and listening to her tell as to how the levee broke between her husband, herself and the children, and that she has not seen nor heard of him since, brought sorrow to my heart. Then to hear a little girl tell as as to how all of her people were washed away and she was the only one to be rescued, is another pathetic incident. These sympathetic stories should bring to our minds the fact that we should do our best for suffering humanity. It is predicted that this condition will exist for some considerable time, and those who have not given should do so.

## DOTS FROM SOSO, MISS.

(By Miss Gerlee Moody)

Mr. Albert Shelby and Miss Mary Jane Booth of Collins, Miss., were married a few days ago. Mr. Shelby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shelby. Miss Mary Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Booth. These are fine young people and good workers in the church. Miss Booth was president of the Y. W. C. A., and her members gave her a nice present. Mr. Shelby was a great Sunday School worker.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson was attended at Good Hope C. M. E. Church a few days ago. Mrs. Anderson was the wife of Rev. H. Anderson, who died a few months ago. Mrs. Anderson had a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Her children did all they could to make things comfortable for her while she was ill. The funeral was attended by her pastor, Rev. M. Wade, and Rev. W. M. Watkins. Revs. E. F. Young, R. L. Young and R. W. Radcliff made some remarks at the funeral. Mrs. Anderson was a member of the C. B. A., and we are confident that she was a good member because she believed in doing her bit in whatever she was connected with. The body was cared for by Bourdeaux Brothers.

Brooklyn, Miss.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in The Echo to say a few words concerning No. 248. We had a public installation a few days ago. A splendid program was rendered and was highly enjoyed by all. Brother James Hollerman was master of ceremonies. Sister M. J. Williams read a splendid paper, subject, "Good Will." The paper was full of thought, and it was an inspiration to all. Sister M. E. Williams read a paper, subject, "Wisdom." The reading of this paper put all of us to thinking. Mr. B. J. Williams gave us one of those good old lectures that only a Williams can give. The solo by Sister Maggie Ramsey was grand. We added five more to our lodge and raised $9.30. We are proud to say that love, peace and harmony exist among us, and we are doing well. I am,

Yours for success,
C. C. WILLIAMS, Pres.

Mr. C. H. Moody made a business trip to Bay Springs, Miss., a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ward were the proud parents of a fine Easter baby girl.

I have just had a letter from Brother G. R. Roberts of Why Not, Miss., stating that he is not doing well. Brother Roberts has been ill for some time. He is president of H. B. A. No. 5. We regret to know of his illness. He has been a strong post in that section of the country, and when some were knocking he was on behind mending the broken places. We hope that President Roberts will soon be at himself again.

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Dear Friends: I am sure that those of you who are constant readers of The Echo are aware of the fact that the drive for the new brick church in Meridian will terminate on the second Sunday in this month. My husband has been constantly reminding you of the drive. I have not said very much to you, but I am now making an earnest appeal for those of you who can be present on next Sunday to come and help me out. My husband has assessed himself $500, and is giving personally $100 of that amount. He has assessed each member $20, and I am a member and must raise mine. Please come and help me out.

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

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The Rev. Pat Houze and his good people of Thirty-first Avenue Baptist Church were with Captain Lula Wilson on last Sunday. Rev. Houze preached a splendid sermon and a liberal collection taken by Deacon Fred Sherrod.

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A few Sundays ago Rev. Sherrod of New Hope Baptist Church, and Rev. Boykins of Prospect Baptist Church and their people were at Newel Chapel in the interest of the big drive. Rev. Sherrod preached a splendid sermon.

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A few nights ago Miss Emma V. Hines gave a nice reception for her friends who helped her in her successful drive.

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The news comes to us that Mrs. L. J. Hall of Hattiesburg, Miss., local president of H. B. A. No. 102, has been on the sick list. We hope that she will soon recover.

Mr. J. H. Jackson of Mt. Olive, Miss., and local president of H. B. A. No. 116, reports that his lodge has given $50.00 to flood relief fund. We are proud to know that our members are responding to this great and needy cause.

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Rev. Ed Nicholson, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, is doing well. He preached a splendid sermon a few Sundays ago and raised $30.00 in the collections. That's business and preaching.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Knight are the proud parents of a fine baby boy. That means more H. B. A.'s.

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The funeral of Mr. B. Booth was attended a few days ago, and quite a few from this place were present.

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News comes to us that Mrs. D. H. Watson, Juvenile Guide of Chapter No. 26, has organized a new chapter at West Enterprise, Miss., with 26 members. Get busy Guides.

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Rev. R. N. Jones, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, has been on the sick list for some time. Our prayers and sympathy go out for his speedy recovery.

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Mrs. Ada Young has been on the sick list for some time, but she seems to be improving.

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Mrs. Mary Jane Shelby was the guest of Miss Legurtha Moody a few days ago.

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A number of our presidents have written to the office asking for the books that contain our signs, etc. At present we do not have our signs in book form, but we plan to have a special committee to work out and add to what we have and present same at the next Convention and we will then put all of the work in book form.

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We heard of the sad case of a Scotchman who became engaged to a girl who became so fat that he wanted to break off the engagement. But the girl couldn't get the ring off so he had to marry her.


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### STUPID

The other day a man dashed into the Grand Central station with just one minute to catch the Twentieth Century. He made the ticket window in a series of slides, skids and jerks.

"Quick! Give me a round-trip ticket!" he gasped.

"Where to?"

"B-b-ack here, you dumbell."

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Busy, blustering business man to stenographer as phone rings: "Take the message and I'll get it from you later."

Steno (demurely): "Your little girl wants to send you a kiss over the telephone."—*Exchange.*

## CLAIM SUPPORT TO THEORY AFRICA CRADLE TO RACE

New York, April 26.—The theory that Africa is the birthplace of the human race is strengthened in the opinion of Alonzo W. Pond, Beloit College anthropologist, by discovery in Mechta-El-Arbi, Algeria, of the skull and bones of a child which he believes dates back to 60,000 B. C.

Announcement of the discovery was made by Mr. Pond, who is director of the Logan African Expedition of Beloit College, upon his return here Monday on the Leviatha.

The finding of the bones was preceded by the discovery of an ancient camp site under a hard calcium carbonate crust after a foot of earth had been removed.

## READY TO ABDICATE

Mrs. Brakeman—I'm tired of rocking this cradle.

Mr. Brakeman—Remember, the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

Mrs. Brakeman—Here, then, you rule the world for a while.

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Workman (to employer, who has given him ticket for theater): "But this starts at 8 in the evenin', I see!"

Employer: "Well, you've nothing to do then, have you?"

Workman: "No, but it's my own time—'aven't you one for a matinee?"

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"You can't go out and buy happiness for yourself. You buy happiness for yourself only when you buy it for others."—*James J. Davis.*

## INDOOR SPORTS

Canvasser—Does your husband still play golf?

Mrs. Knill—Yes.

Canvasser—Then I'm sure you will want one of these thirty-eight-volume book sets I am selling. It will help you to while away many a lonely hour.

## DIFFERENT SPECIES

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## H. B. A. BOARD MEETING DATES

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

Miss., on the Mississippi Central out from Heidelberg, June 20.

No. 4 meets June 21 at Oakvale, Miss., o nthe Mississippi Central out from Prentiss.

No. 5 meets at Gulfport, Miss., June 22. The president at Gulfport will leave word at Taylor's Drug Store in Gulfport as to meeting place.

Monday, June 27 we will meet with No. 2 at Oak Grove Methodist Church, Lodge No. 30 between Lockhart and Lauderdale.

Tuesday, June 28 we will meet in Meridian at the H. B. A. building.

All presidents are requested to collect 95c dues and death claims. The General President has ordered that all local presidents collect the building fee from every member that has been made since the last Board. This applies to the presidents who failed to collect the 55 cents from your new members when you sent for policies. Some of you have already paid your building fee, and I have same marked on your application blanks. We have some members who had not paid in the last Boards and the presidents have not as yet sent the money in. We have more than 100 members who have not paid, or if they have paid the presidents have not sent the amounts to the office.

We want to urge each president to do his and her best to collect in full from every member. Let us make a round report. It has been some time since we paid less than $1.00, therefore do your best. If you do not make a full collection it will cause us to fall short in paying a certain amount. All presidents who make round reports we want you to let us know at the Boards and we will publish same in The Echo when the Board reports are published.

## TENTATIVE DEATH LIST

Nos. 1 and 2

1. Bob Phillips, No. 21, died on March 31, 1927. F. Ott, President, Toomsuba, Miss.

2. Dennis Kennedy, No. 72, died March 30, 1927. D. H. Watson, President, Meridian, Miss.

3. Jim Walter, No. 157, died April 1, 1927. W. L. Wilson, President, DeKalb, Miss.

4. Eliza Phillips, No. 21, died Apr. 5, 1927. F. Ott, President, Toomsuba, Miss.

5. O. D. Hampton, No. 114, died March 27, 1927. C. S. Hampton, President, DeKalb, Miss.

6. Will Scott, No. 96, died May 23, 1927. F. L. Key, President Porterville, Miss.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5

1. Sam Terrell, No. 201, died January 26, 1927. Will Bradford, President, Heidelberg, Miss.

2. Celian Williams, No. 205, died April 7, 1927. Oliver Ford, President Hattiesburg, Miss.

3. Luela Brown, No. 145, died March 15, 1927. H. R. Evans, President, Enterprise, Miss.

4. Patsy Taylor, No. 63, died March 19, 1926. John Cole, President, Carson, Miss.

5. Edna Magee, No. 71, died April 9, 1927. D. H. Harper, President, D'Lo, Miss.

6. S. P. Donald, No. 82, died April 15, 1927. Thos. Blakney, President, Quitman, Miss.

7. Sallie Tarrell, No. 62, died April 16, 1927. C. H. Watts, President, Prentiss, Miss.

8. L. L. Sims, No. 231, died April 18, 1927. Joe Knox, President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

9. William Jones, died April 28, 1927. Mrs. S. P. Jones, President, Ellisville, Miss.

10. Mary D. Faulkoner, died May 3, 1927; No. 264. She was the local president of this new lodge and made her first report in the last Board.

11. Harmonia Hales, No. 205, died May 7, 1927. Oliver Ford, President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

12. Robert Williams, No. 94, died March 13, 1927. C. W. Belt, President, Newton, Miss.

13. Sarah Turner, No. 152, died April 8, 1927. W. R. Smith, President, Magee, Miss.

14. Bennie Rowe, No. 127, died April 10, 1927. Mrs. Carrie Jurry, President, Shubuta, Miss.

## SOSO DOTS

Rev. I. C. Harper was at Soso lodge a few Sundays ago and preached a splendid sermon for No. 131. The sermon was highly enjoyed. Four members were added. We then motored with him to Bay Springs where he preached another splendid sermon. The service was good from start to finish. A splendid recitation was rendered by one of Rev. Harper's boys, and it was rendered to the delight of all present. Rev. Harper added four members at this place. We sang a song in honor of Rev. Harper, "He is Red Hot, Steaming Hot." After leaving this place we returned to the home of Mr. C. H. Moody. We also went to Summerland and Rev. Harper was again red hot at Sumer Ridge Lodge. Three cheers for Rev. Harper.

MISS GEERLEE MOODY,
Soso, Miss. Reporter.

Enterprise, Miss June 6, 1927.

Dear Sir: This comes to let the many readers of this little paper know that No. 247 is stil on the map and with her small group of members trying to do H. B. A. business in the name of the Lord, and on the third Sunday in July, 1927, we are to put on a drive, and we invite all to come down to Friendship, Wautubbee, on the third Sunday in July, 1927, and help us put the program over.

J. R. JORDAN, President.
REV. M. BROWN, Sec.

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Presidents: Some time ago we launched a big drive. May I say in the outset that the drive is proving successful. We are mailing to each local president a check which amounts to 20c for each policy that he sends for if the application blank is accompanied with $1.45. The agents and local presidents are doing their best to make this drive a success. Why should it fail? We have been a member of quite a few orders, but all of us must bow to the H. B. A., for never has any order done so much for the poor people. I believe that this order is a God-sent concern, and that being true, I do not believe that God is going to suffer that this child of his be harmed. Some one may ask what makes the H. B. A. move on so nicely. Well, listen, the first thing is honesty in leadership. Will you stop for a moment and consider the kind of men who make up the leadership of these local lodges? Wil you take a glance at the local agents? We have what some people would call the sorry and good for nothing people at the head. We have men and women who can read and write, and we have some who cannot read and write, but what are they doing? They are putting the program of the H. B. A. over. I know of men and women who have never done anything, and it was said that they would never do anything. But that was and is a mistake. This class of men and women are putting the program over. All these people wanted was a chance. The H. B. A. has made more men in thees local communities than any other organized body I know of. Why throw our people away and say that they are good for nothing? The thing to do is take them and make something out of them. The H. B. A. is a "Man Maker." This is my definition for the H. B. A.—"A Man Maker." Gentlemen, it cannot be disputed. Our job is "making men." What a big job. Where is the man or woman who wants to be something? Bring him or her to us and we will make something of him or her. We have proven this fact; we have made men and are still making them. The man and woman that the other fellow throws away we take him or her and find precious gold in them. Oh, you precious jewels that are thrown away by others, come to us and we will help you help yourself. Oh, you precious souls that long to be recognized, but are crying because you have not had a chance, come to us and we will make you happy. We will make some of you agents, some presidents, some vice-presidents, some secretaries, some sick committees, some board committees, some chaplains, some bench members, etc. We will make something out of all of you. Come to this great man-making concern.

Who is it that does not want to be something? The fellow who isn't anything wants to be somebody. Oh, ye hungry souls, come to this fountain and be made whole.

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Mr. E. F. Young, Jr., and Miss Velma Beal were united in holy wedlock on June 9th, at Haven Chapel M. E. Church. It is said by those who have lived in Meridian for a number of years that this was the most popular couple that had been joined together in the history of Meridian among our people. People were present from Hattiesburg, Laurel and other places to witness this affair. These two young people are members of two of the prominent families of this city. Mr. Young is the son of Rev. E. F. Young, General President of the H. B. A., and Miss Beal (Mrs. Velma Young) is the daughter of Mr. John S. Beal. Mr. Beal is proprietor of Beal's Hotel, Beal's Cafe and Beal's Undertaking Parlor. We hope for these young people the best of success in their married life.

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The Rev. J. E. Buford of New Albany, Miss., is in the city conducting Rev. R. L. Young's revival at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church. Splendid meetings are being held. Rev. Buford is a splendid preacher, and great crowds are flocking to hear him.

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Dear Editor: This comes to say that we had our Anniversary on the fifth Sunday, and a grand time was had. Starlight No. 200 is on the map. The sermon was preached by Rev. Ernn of Janice. We were all made to feel proud of ourselves. Nos. 219, 226 and 248 were our visitors. Rev. Parker from Sumrall was with us and spoke some encouraging remarks. The agent, B. J. Williams, was also present and gave us one of those old good ones. The choir from Janice was present and rendered splendid music. Our lodge is doing well under the leadership of W. M. Peay. We have a loyal set of officers and members.

W. M. PEAY, President.
D. W. Easter, Secretary.
Newco, Miss.

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Dear Rev. Young: While reading The Echo I noticed the announcement of another church drive. May I pledge you my lodge's support in this round.

We are going to help you out this time.

F. OTT, President,
Toomsuba, Miss.

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Dear Presidents: I asked that you return the blank to me that I sent you asking for help on my church. If you cannot help me on the drive please send the blank back and I will return your postage for same. I want to file all of the blanks away, and I am anxious to have them returned as to whether you help me out or not.

Yours for better churches,
R. L. YOUNG.

Dear Editor: This comes to let you and the many readers know that Rev. D. H. Watson was with us a few days ago and made a great impression at our lodge. It is always a pleasure to have some one come to us who knows what to say. Rev. Watson meant much to us. Number 64 had a nice time on the night of Agent Watson's visit. We wish to extend to him an open door at any time. Two members were added.

J. G. GULLY, Pres.
MARY, GULLY, Reporter.
Enondale, Miss.

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To the Readers:

This comes to say that on March 27th, Mrs. M. J. Nicholson departed this life. She was a consistent Christian. She died in the Charity Hospital at Meridian. Her friends and members of the family did all possible for the restoring of health to her, but all was in vain. The body was handled by Berry & Gardner, Undertakers.

It was with much regret that we have lost this our beloved wife, but we truly feel and believe that our loss is heaven's gain.

M. H. NICHOLSON,
Crandall, Miss.

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Dear Readers: A few Sundays ago Rev. R. L. Young was with us and preached a splendid sermon. We rendered a splendid program before the sermon. It was said by Rev. Young and those present that it was the best they had heard for some time. Rev. Young said that he wanted to know where Mrs. Price got so much information concerning the H. B. A.

The program was as follows:

Devotion by Rev. W. Toole.

Welcome Address by Mrs. J. C. Edmondson.

Paper by Miss Velma L. Wright.

Solo—Miss Annie B. Price.

Paper—"The Object and Benefit of the H. B. A."—Mrs. Emma Price.

Song—The Glee Club.

Collection $26.00.

A. PRICE, President.
E. C. PRICE, Secretary.
Enterprise, Miss.

Dear Editor: Allow me space in The Echo to say that Lodge No. 195 held our annual sermon the third Sunday night, May 15th.

Program as follows: After a nice moonlight march we assembled in the church.

The President made some brief remarks after which we sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer offered by Bro. P. McGill, and afterwards a song, and Bro. E. L. McFarland was introduced as master of ceremonies.

Welcome address was made by Miss Lillie Jones in behlaf of the church; response by Bro. J. F. Thigpen in behalf of the lodge. A paper was read by Mrs. E. O. McCormick, subject, "Happiness," also a paper by Miss Christine McCormack, subject, "Preparedness." Response by Master of ceremonies.

A vocal and instrumental duet by Mrs. E. O. McCormick and Miss Christine McCormick, after which Rev. J. J. Jones was introduced to preach the anniversary sermon. Text, "What I See That Will I Tell Thee." The speaker preached a splendid sermon. Our hearts did burn within us while he preached to us by the way.

Collection was good and received three applications. We are glad of our order and our beloved president.

R. McCORMICK, Pres.
E. O. McCORMICK,
Lodge No. 195. Reporter.

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To the Readers of The Echo:

This comes to let you know that we are doing nicely. We have done our best to help relieve the flood sufferers. We gave $98.89 besides the many garments, hats, etc. I think that speake well for us. Rev. Nicholson was with us a few Sundays ago and preached a splendid sermon.

We are trying to do the work of the Master, and we ask the prayers of the Christian army that we may continue.

J. W. CARPENTER, Pres.
Cohay, Miss.

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Dear Editor: We want the many readers to know that the H. B. A.'s at Maxie, Miss., are still moving forward. A few Sundays ago we had our first annual sermon and we had a "hog-killing time." We set Maxie on fire.

Rev. S. L. Horton preached the annual sermon, and Rev. McCowan preached at 3:00 o'clock. Those boys walked about. We added one member and raised $14.75. Look out, boys, we are on the main line. Tell the monkey to take the side track for we are coming.

J. W. BRYANT, Pres.
Maxie, Miss.

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Dear Editor: A few days ago we lost one of the best members that we had in our lodge, in the person of Mr. Will Scott. One of our friends came to see him after his death, and when he found that he was a member of the H. B. A., he said all is well. Boys, take care of the H. B. A. for it is the best order that I know of for the poor people. Anybody, rich or poor, little or big, is safe in the H. B. A. The body was nicely cared for by Bourdeaux Bros., of Meridian, Miss.

F. L. KEY,
President No. 96.
Porterville, Miss.

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Dear Editor: Just a few words to let all know that Rev. D. H. Watson was with us a few days ago and organized a lodge, and I have been elected president. I want to assure you and all concerned that I shall do my best to push the H. B. A. to the top.

Yours for the order,
S. H. HUSBAND,
Rt. 3, Box 17, Shubuta, Miss.

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## THEADVILLE DOTS

We are proud to know that times are very prosperous around here—crops are looking nice.

Mrs. Mary Roberts and children have returned to Mobile, Ala., from visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Slay. They report a nice time.

Mrs. Coatney Smith of Enterprise, Miss., is at her daughter's, Mrs. Prof. Donald, for a few weeks and reports that her health is improving nicely.

Mr. John Simpson reports that he is well pleased with his prospect for a crop. He is through chopping cotton (May 15th). Mr. Simpson is a native of Alabama and has moved here and is a very prosperous farmer. We need more such men to help run the country.

Miss Lucile Donald is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Mae McClendon, at Quitman, Miss.

Mrs. Fannie ————and daughter, Emma Moss, Mrs. Ether McClendon and sons, Andrew, Hesichi and Ernest, Misses Lillian William, Nellie Smae McRee, Corrie Jones, Messrs. Curtis Brook, Maxis Wear, Finn Bartee, Adam Athelberry and Andrew Roberts of Quitman, Miss., attended services at Theadville on the third Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. Bettie and Euba C. Donald.

The service was fine; it was reported that Rev. Hubb seemed to be giving his hearers a little tonic to prevent sickness.

Miss Mellie Murphy of Water Vally, Ala., was visiting her brother, Mr. Ed Murphy, a few days ago.

Mr. Curtis McRae took his uncle, Chas. McRae, to Quitman, Saturday and Sunday the 21st at 4:00 p. m. Mrs. Cora Everett and Mr. Chas. McRae were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. Kelley.

We are proud to know that Rev. R. Lee is improving in health.

Brother R. McClendon and wife are on the sick list. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

SECRETARY.

Dear Editor: Death has come into our midst and carried with it one of our best members, Sister ———— She was always faithful and we regret to know that we must give her up, but it was the will of the Master. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. May God bless you and your wife in the splendid work that you all are doing in your town. I am proud of you and proud to know that you are doing so well in your church work. Our lodge is alive and is doing well.

Yours for the H. B. A.

C. H. JACKSON, Pres.

Mendenhall, Miss.

## NOTICE

Quite a few of the presidents are still sending in money on my church drive. I have on a drive that is to terminate on the fourth Sunday in July, and I am not publishing the reports from the various lodges until after my second drive is over. I shall give those of you who were not able to help me in the first effort a chance to do so in the last. May I say as I have said, I appreciate all that you have done. Since the first drive I have been successful in collecting money enough from my white friends to pay for twenty-six thousand brick, and they are all on the ground. We are planning to begin building about the first of July.

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## THE H. B. A. CONVENTION MEETS MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JULY 25-26

The local presidents of the various lodges are making preparation to be in a general session on the above dates at Quitman, Miss. If all or two-thirds of the presidents are present we will have a large delegation, composed of more than three hundred persons. Sometime ago the General President suggested that the delegation should be cut down, and instead of each local president representing his lodge, we would have a certain number of delegates from each district. If the Association grows for the next six months as it has for the past six or twelve months, I think we will find it absolutely necessary to change our system of delegation. Those of us who have been with the Association for a number of years may recall that at one time we had from ten to twelve delegates from each local lodge. That worked very well when we had only eight or ten lodges, but since we have more than two hundred and eighty local lodges now, together wth agents and general officers, it makes our delegated body large in number. Suppose each district was permitted to elcet twenty-five delegates, or twenty as the case may be, you can readily see that out of five districts we would have more than one hundred delegates. Again, instead of the local lodge defraying the expense of the local president, the district would have the responsibility of sending its delegates to the Convention. I am sure that there will be some to oppose this method of electing delegates, but it is an evident fact that we are going to be compelled to make some kind of a change. The H. B. A. is spreading and growing by leaps and bounds all over the State, and three or four hundred delegates to attend to the business that we have are really not needed.

Again, the number has grown to such an extent that there will be more than two hundred delegates who will have nothing to do, and the method of electing delegates by the district will cut down greatly on expense. Since we meet quarterly and discuss the most important phases of the Association, our Convention work is not so very heavy. It takes more than half of our time to enroll the delegates and appoint committees. Therefore, instead of using a day to enroll three hundred delegates and appoint committees, if the delegates are cut down we can soon get down to business.

We have discussed through The Echo the feasibility of allowing the local president to have all joining and renewal fees. Of course if the presidents would rateher divide the amount between them and their local lodge, it is satisfactory with us, but quite a few of the presidents are willing to see the total amounts come to them, and we feel that since their responsibility is great they have a right to have these fees. Knowing that the local presidents are not paid for their service as well as the rest of us, we have tried to devise plans all along by which they may be able to receive a small compensation for their labors.

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To the Public:—

The members and friends of the H. B. A., I am agent for stones and monuments that are being sold at a reasonable price. Why not let me erect one in honor of your deceased?

R. W. YOUNG.
Box 1043, Meridian, Miss.

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**Mr. E. M. Dunn of Hiwanee, Miss., president of Lodge No. 178, calls our attention to the fact that his lodge report did not show in the last issue. It was only an oversight on our part. His lodge made its regular report.**

## LEADERSHIP

In all walks and branches of life some men are continually rising to leadership. Men rise to leadership because of the confidence that men place in them. The followers must have faith, must believe they are honest and will make true leaders. Leadership is not a reward but a job. We should not lead for selfish interests, but the interest of the people as a whole should be in our mind. The H. B. A. Society is measured by the work that it is doing, and we must acknowledge to the fact that it is doing real work, but what could it do if it were not for the leaders who stand at the head? What could the leaders do if it were not for those of us who are scattered over the field as local presidents? As the leaders lead us on let us earnestly follow, holding our people by their hand and leading them to higher heights.

All leaders should watch their steps and see to it that their feet are kept in the right path.

Yours for the H. B. A.,
LEVI HEARNS,
Quitman, Miss.

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The following persons are authorized agents for the Holbrook Benevolent Association of the State of Mississippi: Rev. D. H. Watson, Meridian, Miss.; Rev. C. L. Pringle, Carmichael, Miss.; B. J. Williams, Brooklyn, Miss.; Rev. H. Ray, DeSoto, Miss.; W. J. Rankin, Box 154, Magee, Miss.; Rev. I. C. Harper, Box 371, Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. D. Pace, Shubuta, Miss., Rt. 2, Box 4-A; Prof. Thos. Blakney, Quitman, Miss.; Esau Sledge, Macon, Miss., Route 1, Box 46; J. E. Pryor, Longstreet, Miss.; Dr. W. J. Tate, Prentiss, Miss.

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With this issue, The Echo has been published for four years. We are proud of our readers and their support, and we hope that they will continue supporting this paper. The pages are small, but its voice is loud. For four years it has spoken for the Association. Those of us who love the organization and its cause know quite well that without The Echo we could hardly get along. It is the sun by day and the moon by night; it marches as a pillow of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. You do not agree with everything that is said through The Echo, and it may be that everything that is said is not right, but we, as others who look forward, do our best to give you the best. Again we thank those who have stood by us and helped to make this paper what it is.

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To the Editor of Echo,
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Sir and Brother: I take this method of saying to you and our benevolent friends scattered over the State, that the Fourth of July was a high day for us at Prentiss Lodge No. 160.

We were visited by the largest multitude of people ever assembled at Prentiss in quite a while, to witness our Fourth of July program and picnic.

At 11 o'clock the Oak Grove Cornet Band sounded the notice that a sufficient number was present to begin our program. Many members joined us in the march.

Our devotional exercises were led by the president. We had good singing and were led in praper by Brother McCullough of Sumrall. Brother Burns and John Harvey were among the speakers.

I have never listened to a more patriotic speech than fell from the lips of Mr. D. Cox of Jackson, Miss. It was a most pathetic plea for higher and better conditions for our race. He touched the core of our situation and conditions in America's southland.

He was followed by Dr. H. G. Williams of Prentiss, Miss. He concurred with Mr. Cox and then gave us several reasons why we need to practice better health conditions. He is the physician for the H. B. A. and encourages all to join who can. He closed the speaking.

We then listened to a noble sermon by Rev. Hill of Tougaloo, pastor at Bassfield, We shall not soon forget his sayings.

The collection and income for the day was $225. We then closed the whole program by marching to the dining hall and serving a grand dinner, which, of course was enjoyed by all.

Our "big" friend, W. C. McLeod of Bassfield, Miss., boasts of knowing how to do things, but hereafter he must stoop when he looks towards Prentiss move.

I am yours fraternally,
W. J. TATE, President.

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We have just received a communication from Lodge No. 158 at Waynesboro, Miss., stating that they are moving along nicely. They had a rally on the third Sunday in June, plenty of dinner was had and a collection of $8.30 was raised. Four members were added. The lodge reports that it has been viisted by Rev. H. Ray. Rev. Ray gave some splendid information concerning the order.

Wm. JEFFERSON, Pres.
A. M. SANDERSON, Sec.
Waynesboro, Miss.

Quite a few of our president have written me and asked that I mail them badges, and they will pay me at the Board or Convention. In the first place, we do not have any badges on hand just now, but we have some ordered. I have a letter from the company stating that a shipment of badges will be made not later than the 22nd. But may I say to you that I have paid cash for the badges already. If you order the badges from the factory and do not order more than five they will cost you $1.00 each, cash. The more you order the cheaper you can get them. When I sell badges to you, I sell them at a discount. I know that you are honest and will pay me as you promise, but, brethren, please do not ask for credit. I do no' care to keep books for these small amounts. Badges are strictly cash.

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Dear Editor: Some time ago we had Rev. D. H. Watson with us. He gave some splendid information as to the doings and the work of the H. B. A. The information that he gave was greatly needed. He added four members to our lodge. He put us on the main line and now we are making time. Brother Watson enjoyed himself. He ate so much chicken at Sister Woods' house that he asked was it chicken. When he did leave he left with his stick under his arm and full of chicken, walking and talking to himself about chicken. We gladly welcome Brother Watson again.

JOHN GULLEY, Pres.
C. J. WOODS, Sec.
Enondale, Mss.

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We have just received communication from President Wright at Enterprise, Miss. He states that on the fourth Sunday in June, he and his lodge with quite a few visiting lodges had a splendid time. A splendid program was rendered and the following were some of those who appeared on the program: President A. R. Price, Mrs. Emma C. Price, Miss Mamie Lee Wright. President Derias Croft and wife were present. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. M. Webb. Rev. Webb is pastor at West Enterprise. Six new members were added.

DeSoto, Miss., July 7, 1927.

Dear Editor:—

Will you allow me space in your Echo to let the readers know that No. 151 is still on record. We had a nice time Sunday, Jluy 3, at St. John M. E. Church. Sunday School was opened at 10:00 o'clock and taught by Prof. Thomas Blakney, and was addressed by the pastor, Rev. R. Houze. We had a sermon by Rev. S. McDavis. His subject was Psalm 133:1, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." It was highly enjoyed. Rev. Ray. led one of his good old songs—"It's not me, brethren, but me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer." Our agent, Rev. C. L. Pringle, was with us and gave some splendid remarks, after which we adjourned and served dinner. Then we had another sermon by Rev. S. M. McDavis and Rev. Ray. A soul-stirring sermon. We raised $21.92. Three applications were taken in.

We shall do our best to have as many new members by the Convention as possible. Sister Annie Falconer read a paper that was worth listening to. Sister Daisy York led a soul-stirring song, nad Sister Lizzie Turner read seven verses of the 55th of songs.

J. H. McLAUGHLIN, Pres.
IDA M. HAYDEN, Sec.

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## NOTICE

The drive is still on until the meeting of the Convention. Quite a few of the local presidents are still sending in applications together with $1.45. Some of our presidents make a mistake and send the application without sending the $1.45, policy and bond fee. Please send $1.45 with each application.

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Mr. J. W. Carpenter, secretary of No. 189 at Cohay, Miss., stated that they are on the upward march. Rev. I. C. Harper preached for them some time ago, and added nine members.

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Mrs. W. L. Holloway and children of 3456 W. Belle Place, St. Lous, Mo., are soon leaving for home. They were called here (York, Ala.) because of the death of their father, H. B. Key.

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We have just received communication from the president of Lodge No. 213 stating that they had closed their anniversary meeting. A splendid service was had. The program hroughout the day was good. We have another communication from another lodge that added twenty-eight members, and raised more than $28.00, but some of these communications have gotten mixed up and the pages are not numbered, therefore we are unable to say what lodge. We want to urge that those who send in communication be sure to number their pages.

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We have just received a letter of encouragement from Rev. D. L. Barnette of Laurel, Miss. Rev. Barnette states that the H. B. A. is not only burying the dead in his section, but is helping the people to live better. He also states that the H. B. A. in his section has a strong moral and religious influence upon the people. The lodge to which he belongs, No. 92, is moving along nicely. Brother C. L. Brown is the efficient president.

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We have just received communication from President J. M. Moore at Mathesville, Miss., stating that they had a splendid service a few weeks ago and raised more than $23.50 for their local lodge. He also states that they will have their anniversary on the second Saturday in August. A big picnic will also be theirs to witness.

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Mrs. Wm. Banks and children of Chattanooga, Tenn., were also called home because of the death of their father.

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**All presidents are requested to pay all building fees for new members at he Convention. Please do not fail.**

**E. F. YOUNG, President.**

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## H. B. A. Convention of 1927 Excelled all Previous Conventions

On July 25 the delegates and friends of the H. B. A. were enroute to Quitman, Mississippi, where the grandest convention that history records was held. At the appointed hour, hundreds of people were seen flocking around the church. The old time hand shaking, and faces aglow with smiles, were seen from every angle. Cars, wagons, buggies, etc., had come for many miles around. Mr. E. D. McLemore and Prof. Thos. Blakney were the hosts of this grand session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the General Vice-President I English, and others, after which the house was turned in the hands of the General President. He arose and sang "And Are We Yet Alive." After some timely remarks by him, he announced the house open for business and we were soon down to business. The roll was called and those present answered to their names. After the roll call the various committees were appointed and all were soon at work. We had the largest delegation that history records.

When we say that the past convention was the best and most peacable convention that we have ever held, we do not feel that we are exaggerating. As a rule there is quite a bit of stir, confusion, etc., during the election year, but this convention seem to have been dispossessed of anything that might lead to dissatisfaction. Every delegate seemed to have been working for the good and growth of the order. It seems that our meeting was overshowed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. It has been some time since we elected officers during the first days' session, but this year we made our reports, etc., and elected officers on the first day. Every president who attended the convention should be commended for the splendid way in which he conducted himself. No delegate reflected discredit upon his lodge, but as a matter of fact all delegates reflected credit upon themselves and the lodge they represented. We tell the truth when we say that there was not one person to speak in the convention that caused hard feeling or dissatisfaction by any. "The spirit of the Lord was upon us." We did something at the past convention that has never been done in the history of the Association, nor in the State of Mississippi so for as we know. We had $238.01 bond interest to give back to our local lodges, and $409.00 rent from the building, making a total of $647.01 that we sent back to the local lodges. No negro leaders of any kind of societies in Mississippi have ever done such for the people who were following them. Some people said sometime ago that the building would belong to YOUNG. If that is true the people are receiving a nice dividend. After we had paid off the amount, Mr. J. S. Beale of Meridian arose and delivered one of the best speeches in behalf of the organization that we have ever listened to. His subject was "Paving the Way." We must admit to the fact that he paved the way and told the truth. He stated that truth crushed to the earth would rise again. Truth has been burned, truth has been cursed, truth had been lied upon, truth had been trampled, truth had been scorned, but says he, pointing to the money that was on the table, truth has arisen and there it is on the table. The house went wild with cheers. Mr. Beale stated that he had been a member and is a member of quite a few societies, but he knows of none that are doing the good that the H. B. A. is doing. Mr. Beale is a strong member and supporter of the H. B. A. and is one of the most wealthy and prosperous men of our race in this city. At the conclusion of his speech the Rev. H. B. Leach arose and in a short while he had the people almost lifted from their seats. He pictured the H. B. A. as a sailing ship with a true son at its head; he looked at the president and asked "Sir, whose son art thou, from whence comest thou, and whither art thou going? Art thou sent from God? Who can do the work that thou art doing, except one sent from God." When Leach yielded the floor the Rev H. Ray arose and with a voice like a lion and words as sharp as a sword; he soared on the mountain top and in the valley low. If there were white rats and black rats to be seen, all of them took to their holes. We have heard Rev. Ray make quite a few speeches, but he put himself on record at the convention as being able to defend himself and the organization. Long live such men as John S. Beale, Revs. H. B. Leach and H. Ray.

All of the old officers were re-elected. One change was made in the trustees. Brother J. W. Smith being old and feeble, was not removed from office, but he is an honorary trustee. Brother I. English of No. 69 was elected to do the active work that has been done by J. W. Smith.

The secretary reported three deaths among the local presidents since the last convention. They were as follows: Mrs. Mary D. Faulkner of Shubuta; Miss J. H. Hubbard of Megee; and Prof. E. G. Brookshire of Shuqulak. The secretary suggested that all the delegates and members would turn their badges over, and the dark side was to be seen in memory of our deceased. The secretary sang a song and prayer was offered by the Rev. H. Ray. Sorrow filled our hearts and tears were seen trickling down the cheeks as we sang in respect to those who passed away.

The following new laws were passed: First, the trustees of the H. B. A. property cannot sell said property without the consent of two-thirds of

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the members of the Association, and the body must be notified twelve months in advance before the sale can be made. Second, no member can transfer from one lodge to another without paying his share of said indebtedness at said lodge. No member can transfer without an official transfer card. All members must not only produce a transfer card, but they must produce their policies showing that they are financial members of the H. B. A. Third, all local presidents are to get all joining and renewal fees. Fourth, no lodge is responsible for hospital fees and bills so contracted by any member, the lodge, however, may donate something in such cases. One or two other laws were passed relating to the paying of certain bills of which we are all aware of. It is understood that these bills are not to be paid.

There was plenty of free lemonade on the ground for the delegates of the convention and members in general. We wish to thank Messrs. Blakney and McLemore, together with their members for the splendid way in which they cared for this body. We registed more than six thousand financial members. The next convention will be held at Prentiss, Miss., at the Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute.

# Moneys Paid at the Convention

The following amounts were paid to the various lodges for bond interest and rent from the building at the convention. It will be remembered that this rent has accumulated in the past seven months. If any of these lodges have not received their proportion, it was because your president was not sent to the convention and you had no one there to get your money. If any mistake is found in this report, kindly notify me and I will be glad to correct same.

| Logde No.— | Bond Int. | Rent. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | $1.55 | $2.40 |
| 2 | 2.30 | 4.00 |
| 3 | 1.60 | 2.48 |
| 4 | 2.10 | 3.28 |
| 5 | .65 | .96 |
| 8 | .35 | .56 |
| 9 | 1.55 | 2.40 |
| 11 | 2.00 | 3.12 |
| 18 | .80 | 1.20 |
| 19 | .90 | 1.44 |
| 20 | 2.10 | 3.28 |
| 21 | 2.20 | 3.52 |
| 22 | 2.00 | 3.12 |
| 23 | 5.10 | 8.08 |
| 25 | .80 | 1.28 |
| 27 | 1.75 | 2.80 |
| 28 | 2.70 | 4.32 |
| 30 | 3.00 | 4.80 |
| 31 | 2.10 | 3.28 |
| 32 | 1.45 | 2.24 |
| 33 | 1.25 | 1.92 |
| 39 | 2.50 | 3.92 |
| 40 | 1.75 | 2.72 |
| 42 | 1.30 | 2.00 |
| 44 | .65 | .96 |
| 45 | 1.05 | 1.60 |
| 47 | .70 | 1.24 |
| 49 | .80 | 1.20 |
| 50 | 1.20 | 1.84 |
| 52 | 1.70 | 2.64 |
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| 54 | .70 | 1.04 |
| 55 | .95 | 1.44 |
| 56 | 1.15 | 1.76 |
| 57 | 5.75 | 9.20 |
| 58 | 1.20 | 1.84 |
| 60 | .60 | .88 |
| 61 | .65 | .96 |
| 62 | 1.00 | 1.52 |
| 63 | .85 | 1.28 |
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| 79 | 1.20 | 1.84 |
| 80 | 2.40 | 3.76 |
| 82 | 4.40 | 6.96 |
| 85 | 1.45 | 2.24 |
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Dear Editor: Just a few lines to let the many readers of the dear old Echo know that we are still moving forward. We have taken in eleven new members since the last Board. Some time ago we had a nice picnic and cleared $25.75. Hurry, boys, I'm coming by the help of God.

J. W. BRYANT,
Maxie, Miss. President No. 219.

The Rev. W. T. Smith of Hattiesburg, Miss., preached a splendid sermon on Monday night during the Convention at Quitman. Mr. J. J. Overstreet of Lauderdale, states that Rev. Smith preached a splendid sermon at his church after the Convention had closed. Rev. Smith is an earnest worker, and we predict for him great success.

# H. B. A. Death List

DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

1. Fannie Parker, No. 79, died July 6, 1927.
2. Dora Chambers, No. 176, died July 8, 1927.
3. Willie Hopkins, No. 53, died July 22, 1927.

Prof. E. G. Brookshire, No. 93, died July 17, 1927.

5. Emanuel Pearson, No. 45, died July 2, 1927.

DISTRICTS 3, 4, AND 5

1. S. Nola Jones, No. 167, died May 18, 1927.
2. S. Middleton, No. 167, died June 1, 1927.
3. William Scarbrough, No. 82, died May 12, 1927.
4. Hierd Evans, No. 130, died May 14, 1927.
5. Anna Fleacher, No. 133, died July 2, 1927.
6. Mattie Fench, No. 133, died July 9, 1927.
7. Guss Simmons, No. 221, died July 27, 1927.
8. J. H. Hubbard, No. 52, died July 4, 1927.
9. Ollie Chapman, No. 94, died July 20, 1927.

P. S. All ocal presidents who failed to report in the Convention are fined $5.00. Same applies to lodge if it did not act.

The Rev. E. B. Backman, P. E. of the Meridian District, has just closed one of the most successful District Conferences that he has ever held. The reports were exceptionally good. Practically all of the pastors were present and made splendid reports. The total amount raised during the Conference was $865.65. Our own Bishop Elias Cottrell was with us on Sunday, and he preached one of the best sermons that we have ever listened to. Rev. Blackman is a successful presiding elder. The Rev. S. E. Gipson, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Circuit, and his good people made it pleasant for us.

# H. B. A. Burial Department Is Now a Reality

The H. B. A. Burial Department, of which we have discussed for some time, is now a reality. It is the grandest and best thing that has ever come to our people. We are giving an $85.00 outfit for 75c a quarter, or 25 cents a month. In this $85.00 outfit we are furnishing an H. B. A. tombstone. All members of the H. B. A. are permitted to join. The joining fee is 75 cents. We took in quite a few members at the Convention and more are still pouring in. We have on a drive for burial members for the next 90 days. All presidents who send in 75 cents for each members will receive a check for 25 cents each, payabe at the next Board. In a few days we will send blanks to all of the presidents, and all of your members who desire to join may do so. We want to ask that you record their names on the report blank, and should any of them die we will be responsible for the death. This will give the members a chance to have all of their H. B. A. policy money free of indebtedness. In other words, whereas we have been paying $230.00 or $240.00, we are going to pay $325.00 or $330.-00. It matters not where the member may be, if he dies the relatives or the president must notify the office for arrangements. We are putting forth efforts to enroll five hundred members in the next sixty days. Let's go, boys.

# C. B. A. Convention

The C. B. A. Convention met July 27 at Bonita, Miss. Quite a few of the members and officers of the H. B. A. were visitors at this convention. We were glad to meet some of our old friends whom we used to meet in the H. B. A. Boards. This was their election year and quite a few were aspiring for office, but the same officers were re-elected. We saw quite a few baskets on the ground, but the contents therein were for delegates only, visitors only allowed to smell. The session was quite stormy at times, and we thought something was about to happen, but they would soon cool off and get back to themselves. We were glad to meet them in session, though none of the officers of the H. B. A. were presented to bring greetings from the H. B. A. We distributed our greetings out doors individually. We hope for the C. B. A.'s a pleasant and successful sail for the next two years. It is helping quite a few people, and our mission in the world is to help.

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Dear Editor: This comes to let you and the readers know that No. 251 is still moving to the front. On the second Sunday in July we had a rally, a grand program was rendered which was conducted by Mrs. M. B. Brown. Mrs. Brown seems to know how to put the program over. We had quite a few visitors who spoke in behalf of the H. B. A. We took in eight applications. The collection for the day was $26.95. God bless you.

I. V. JORDAN, Pres.
WILLIE JORDAN,
Reporter.

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Dear Editor: This comes to let you and the readers know that we had a splendid annual sermon on the second Sunday in July. We began on Saturday with a picnic, and we did well. The General President was with us and we gladly received him. He preached a splendid sermon for us while there. His subject was "Carry Your Corner." We enjoyed the message. He added ten members to our lodge while here. We took a collection of $10.00. Total money raised, $42.10. Yours for the H. B. A., I am,

W. L. McDADE, Pres.,
DeKalb, Miss.

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5. Emanuel Pearson, No. 45, died July 2 1927. J. M. Martin, President, Longstreet, Miss.

6. G. B. Roberts, No. 5, died Aug. 21, 1927. G. R. Roberts, President.

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10. Flora Wiley, No. 163, died Aug. 8 1927. Tom Crawford, President, Wayne, Miss.

11. Allen Byers, No. 57, died Aug. 3 1927. W. C. McLead, President, Bassfield, Miss.

## NOTICE

Dear President:

You will please collect 77c death claims and 15c quarterly dues from each member of your lodge and report same at next Boards. Total to be collected from each member 92c.

We want to urge each local president to do his best to make a round report at the next Boards. It means much to make round reports.

The H. B. A. is still moving forward. All we want is the members and we can make the death claims light each quarter.

SECRETARY.

## H. B. A. NO. 72 HAS SPLENDID ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

On last Sunday, August 21, Rev. D. H. Watson and his good members of No. 72 held their anniversary service at the H. B. A. hall of this city. A large number of visiting friends were present. President I. English, M. A. Trussell, Deacon Davis, our friend and brother, Sut Berry, together with other noted characters, were on the scene. Two of the Juvenile guides in the person of Mrs. Mattie Trussell and Mrs. D. H. Watson, were present with their little children. Mrs. Trussell and Mrs. Watson are experts when it comes to training children. They rendered, for our benefit, one of the best programs that we have listened to for some time. We will be glad to hear and know of more of our older people taking an interest in the children. A very interesting talk was made by Brother Sut Berry, one of the oldest barbers in our city. The General Secretary was presented and we did our best to say something that would be of interest to the people. It appeared as if all enjoyed the message. Our hearts were made to rejoice, and many tears were being shed by those who knew him. A splendid collection was taken after which a most sumptuous dinner was spread, and all those who were present ate to their satisfaction.

Dear Editor: I want the many readers of the dear old ECHO know that my old father-in-law has passed one hundred years of age and is still able to attend the Sunday School every Sunday. I am the superintendent and he walks his one and one half miles every Sunday to meet me there at 9:30. His name is well known in our community, in the person of David Peters. I hope to live to make such a record and trust that this will serve to make some of us who are younger more punctual to the Sunday School.

I also wish to say that some time ago we had our annual sermon preached. We had a crowd of the good people of Meridian with us. Sister Watson and her band of little children was with us and rendered a very interesting progrem. Sister Annie B. Price and her little folks of Fellowship were with us also and rendered a good program. I think the sisters are making good in the training of our little people. Rev. Jenkin preached for us and he left old Wautubbee stirred up. Rev., we will want you to come again, and I do think that all H. B. A.'s ought to support their own preachers if possible.

Yours for the H. B. A. cause,

J. R. JORDAN, Pres.
REV. M. BROWN, Sec.

Mrs. Anna Graham of Carson, Miss. is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Estella Young. She will be in the city for several weeks.

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All local presidents are requested to collect $2.00 from their local lodge for subscriptions to The Echo and publication. Please bear in mind that this amount must be collected in the first Board after the Convention of each year. One dollar of said amount is for your subscription to The Echo for twelve months, and one dollar pays for the publication of your reports through the paper. Presidents will please remember that your reports cannot and will not be accepted unless accompanied with $2.00. We hope that none of our presidents will overlook this mtter. If any reports are brought to the Board or sent to the office without the $2.00 we shall be compelled to return the report to you for adjustment.

We wish to state also that the presidents who failed to make their annual reports in the Convention are fined according to the law. Please remember that I cannot exempt you from your fine. It may be that you can meet the Board and render an excuse that may be accepted, but I cannot excuse you. It is out of my power to do so. We had some local presidents to send in their annual reports last week. Such presidents will please meet the Board with $5.00 and their excuses, and if one will not work the other will.

## WE ARE THANKFUL

The pastor and members of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church of Meridian, Miss., wish to thank the local president and members of the H. B. A. for their unstinted support in raising funds to erect a nice church in which to worship. We are publishing the reports at this time. We promised to publish the name of each president and the number of his lodge. If any president has helped us through his lodge and your lodge and the amount are not shown in this report, please notify the office and we will gladly correct the same.

Again we thank you for whatever you gave us. If you gave nothing we thank you and if you donated something we thank you.

The reports are as follows:

| No. | President | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | I. M. Martin | $1.95 |
| 2 | J. F. Chafell | |
| 3 | Rev. R. W. Radcliff | 1.50 |
| 4 | J. J. Johnson | 1.85 |
| 5 | G. B. Roberts | 1.50 |
| 8 | Wesley Ward | |
| 9 | D. B. Borders | 1.30 |
| 11 | Prof. A. T. Shadwick | |
| 18 | John Smith | |
| 19 | H. Edwards | |
| 20 | Rev. M. S. Knott | |
| 21 | F. Ott | |
| 22 | Rev. J. R. Miller | |
| 23 | J. M. Thompson | 3.50 |
| 25 | J. M. Russell | 1.00 |
| 27 | Henry Williams | |
| 28 | M. W. P. Pitts | |
| 30 | Mrs. Annie Blanks | 1.25 |
| 31 | S. B. Bell | |
| 32 | B. Brown | 1.00 |
| 33 | R. F. Clark | |
| 39 | J. J. Overstreet | |
| 40 | Mrs. Hattie Smith | 1.30 |
| 42 | W. A. Steward | 1.55 |
| 44 | W. M. Moore | .55 |
| 45 | J. M. Martin | 3.70 |
| 47 | J. C. Burton | .35 |
| 49 | L. R. Echols | 4.89 |
| 50 | E. C. Cole | 2.10 |
| 52 | J. H. Hubbard | 1.10 |
| 53 | Esaw Sledge | |
| 54 | B. J. Morison | |
| 55 | A. Alford | |
| 56 | Mrs. Mary H. Moore | |
| 57 | W. C. McLead | 5.00 |
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| 60 | L. Hawkins | |
| 61 | Mrs. S. E. Hill | |
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| 63 | Jonie Cole | 1.00 |
| 64 | J. G. Gulley | |
| 65 | Will Bourdeaux | 1.50 |
| 66 | R. B. Scoggins | 1.10 |
| 67 | Mrs. M. A. Trussell | |
| 69 | I. English | 6.00 |
| 70 | Tom Smith | 6.25 |
| 71 | D. H. Harper | 2.00 |
| 72 | Rev. D H. Watson | 3.20 |
| 74 | R. D. Dunlap | |
| 75 | R. W. White | |
| 76 | Mrs. Ella Morrell | 1.65 |
| 77 | Mrs. Bettie Faulkoner | 1.50 |
| 79 | S. M. Jackson | |
| 80 | J. H. Drakford | 1.60 |
| 82 | Prof. Thos. Blakney | 1.45 |
| 85 | W. L. McDade | .50 |
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| 93 | Prof. E. G. Brookshire | |
| 94 | C. W. Belt | |
| 95 | Rev. C. L. Pringle | 5.00 |
| 96 | F. L. Key | |
| 97 | W. M. Barnes | 1.55 |
| 98 | M. Page | 1.60 |
| 100 | J. S. Bryant | 1.00 |
| 102 | Mrs. L. J. Hall | 2.50 |
| 103 | A. Evans | 2.00 |
| 105 | W. H. Longsam | |
| 108 | Mrs. M. Nicholson | |
| 109 | Chas. Franklin | 2.00 |
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| 111 | Thomas Jackson | 1.00 |
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| 113 | C. A. Weely | |
| 114 | C. S. Hampton | |
| 115 | J. H. Harvey | 2.50 |
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| 123 | Mrs. Annie Slay | 3.10 |
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| 131 | S. Knight | |
| 132 | G. W. Knight | |
| 133 | W. J. Rankins | 3.25 |

135—T. J. McWilliams
136—Rev. I. P. Triplett
138—R. H. Gibson
139—Jack Davis
140—W. H. Nicholson
141—A. Price 2.00
145—H. R. Evans 3.35
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158—W. M. Jefferson 1.30
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163—Tom Crawford 1.70
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166—Mrs. Minnie Dosia 1.00
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171—E. L. Srosby
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174—Jas. Fairley 2.20
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228—Rev. D .C. Craft
229—L. Bromfield
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231—Joe Knox
232—Edward Rose
233—Charley Roberts
234—M. H. Donald 1.00
235—Hardy White
236—L. A. Brooks
237—Rev. G. C. Wells
238—A. B. Terrel
239—A. G. Canedy 150
240—Rev. W. J. Bethea
241—L. C. Carter
242—Mrs. Ella J. Banks .75
245—Rev. W. T. Smith
246—Mrs. Stella Nullicing
247—J. R. Jordan .70
248—C. C. Williams 1.00
249—Mrs. Emma Heidelberg 3.00
250—Sam Freeman
251—I. V. Jordan .70
252—C. S. McGee
253—E. F. Young, Jr.
254—Eddie High
256—C. M. Myers
257—Robert Cooley
258—George Loving
259—S. M. Wright .50
260—E. B. Daniels
261—Asa Walker 1.00
262—Allen Bridges
263—D. G. Taylor
264—Mary D. Faulkner 1.25
265—Rev. C. L. Pringle
266—D. B. Breland
267—Lot Tenort
268—Mrs. Virgie Williams
269—A. B. Coleman
270—A. J. Barnett
271—Rev. C. H. Hill
272—Rev. W. H. Crosby
273—Mrs. Lillian Edwards
274—H. C. Sims
275—C. Crosby
276—Harry Breland
277—J. J. Pickett
279—S. H. Husband
280—Billy McGowan
281—Rev. Willie McDuffee
282—Prof. A. L. Smiley
283—James H. Dixon
284—Rev. W. M. Payton
285—H. A. Morgan
286—Mrs. Eva Sumrall

If any one gave me your report for your lodge, write to me stating when, where and the amount, and I am sure I will recall the time. I have tried to save all of the reports that you sent me. I asked those of you who could not help me to please return the report blank and you did not do that. Well, we will give it to you. Again we thank you. ?

Yours for better churches,

R. L. YOUNG.

P. S. The highest amount was sent in by President Tom Smith of No. 70, followed by I. English of No. 69 and C. L. Pringle of No. 95, and W. C. McLeod of No. 57. R. L. Y.

## Misses McNair and Easterling Visit Meridian

Miss Allie McNair and Miss Mary Jane Easterling of Mt. Olive, Miss., visited their friends of Meridian, Mississippi a few days ago. Miss McNair was the guest of Mrs. Lula Wilson, and Miss Easterling the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Young. The many friends of Meridian were proud to have these young ladies visit them. Rev. R. L Young was at one time the pastor of these two young ladies, and none of them were strangers to each other.

To the friends and members of the H. B. A., and to those who have deceased relatives or friends and would like to erect a stone or monument to their memory: I am agent for the highest quality stone at a very low cost.

R. W. YOUNG,
P. O. Box 1043, Meridian, Miss.

## PIGS, CALF, AND KITTENS
### Wee, Bah, and Mew

Dear Editor: This comes to let you know that we are all doing well. We are being blessed on every hand. We had a beautiful cat to bring three nice black kittens into the home a few days ago, and on the same day a fine little gilt brought six Duroc Jersey pigs, and a little three year old heifer brought my wife a beautiful little heifer calf on the same day. My wife brought on the same day a fine big armful of roasting ears for dinner. You can readily see that we are blessed. The first time the cow was milked, she gave two and one half gallons of milk. We will make plenty of corn this year, at least four hundred bushels. I am confident that we will make more than two hundred gallons of syrup. My wife says that her seventy-eight little biddies are growing. I think we will make between six and seven bales of cotton. Our lodge is growing. We have fifty-six members in good standing, and I am going out to get fifty-six more.

Yours for success,

J. J. OVERSTREET, No. 39
Lauderdale, Miss.

## DEATH

Another local president has passed to the great beyond. We regret very much to know that another local president of the H. B. A. has passed to the great beyond. Last Sunday while we were in service with H. B. A. No. 72, the news came to us that Brother G. R. Roberts, president of No. 5, had passed away. Brother Roberts was one of the most interesting working presidents in the Association. He did not make much fuss but he did his work well. The funeral took place on Monday, August 22, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Yantley, Ala. The funeral was attended by Rev. R. L. Young. Four or five car loads of H. B. A.'s from Meridian were present. Rev. D. H. Watson had charge of the fraternal side of the funeral. The funeral was well attended. We trust that our loss is heaven's gain.

## WRONG NUMBER GIVEN

Dear Presidents: It may be that you will find that I have given some of you the wronk number in sending out my quarterly report blank. Some of our envelopes were mixed and this caused the wrong blank to be enclosed in some, however, you know the number of your lodge, and you know in what section you are located, therefore we want to ask that you govern yourself accordingly. Should any of you find that I have asked you to meet at one place and you find that it is more convenient to meet another Board you are permitted to do so. We want all local presidents to go to the place that is most convenient to them and their lodge.

## S. P. HENRY EXAMINES H. B. A. RECORD NOTICE

Mr. S. P. Henry was in the city two days last week examining the General Secretary's record of the work done by the H. B. A. After spending two days going over all acounts, books, checks and vouchers, he found that the records kept by the General Secretary, Rev. R. L. Young, were in perfect order, and though there is always room for improvement he stated that he was very well satisfied with the work of the Association during the past year 1926.

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## MORE BACK MONEY SENT

We have sent out $10.00 more to each claimant in the lower district, making a total of $220.00 paid to each claimant in the lower districts. Some of these amounts were not sent to the representative, but were sent to the local president or some one who had this matter in charge.

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## H. B. A. Death List

DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

1. Fannie Parker, No. 79, died July 6 1927. S. M. Jackson, President, Lauderdale, Miss.

2. Dora Chambers, No. 176, died July 8 1927. Derias Craft, President, Chunsky, Miss.

3. Willie Hopkins, No. 53, died July 22 1927. Esaw Sledge, President, Macon, Miss.

Prof. E. G. Brookshire, No. 93, died July 17 1927. Prof. E. G. Brookshire, President, Shuqulak, Miss.

5. Emanuel Pearson, No. 45, died July 2 1927. J. M. Martin, President, Longstreet, Miss.

6. G. B. Roberts, No. 5, died Aug. 21, 1927. G. R. Roberts, President.

7. Kennard Wadkins, No. 96, died August 6, 1927. F. L. Key, President, Porterville, Miss.

DISTRICTS 3, 4, AND 5

1. S. Nola Jones, No. 167, died May 12 1927. C. H. Jackson, President, Mendenhale, Miss.

2. S. Middleton, No. 167, died June 1 1927. C. H. Jackson, President, Mendenhall, Miss.

3. William Scarbrough, No. 82, died May 12 1927. Thos. Blakney, President, Quitman, Miss.

4. Hierd Evans, No. 130, died May 14 1927. H. Hayes, President, Shubuta, Miss.

5. Anna Fleacher, No. 133, died July 2 1927. W. J. Rankins, President, Magee, iMss.

6. Mattie Fench, No. 133, died July 9 1927. W. J. Rankins, Pdesident, Magee, Miss.

7. Guss Simmons, No. 221, died July 27 1927. Eddie High, President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

8. J. H. Hubbard, No. 52, died July 4 1927. J. H. Hubbard, President, Magee, Miss.

9. Ollie Chapman, No. 94, died July 20 1927. C. W. Belt, President, Newton, Miss.

10. Flora Wiley, No. 163, died Aug. 8 1927. Tom Crawford, President, Wayne, Miss.

11. Allen Byers, No. 57, died Aug. 3 1927. W. C. McLead, President, Bassfield, Miss.

12. Joel Hardy, No. 95, died August 20, 1927. Rev. C. L. Pringle, President, Carmichael, Miss.

13. Hattie Porter, No. 249, died July 17, 1927. Mrs. E. Heidelberg, President, Shubuta, Miss.

14. R. L. Jordan, No. 76, died August 22, 1927. Mrs. Ella Morrell, President, Laurel, Miss.

15. Crecia Smith, No. 77, died August 20, 1927. Mrs. Bettie Faulkner, President, Ellisville, Miss.

16. Fred Evans, No. 193, died August 11, 1927. R. C. Chapman, President, Waynesboro, Miss.

### NOTICE

Dear President:

You will please collect 77c death claims and 15c quarterly dues from each member of your lodge and report same at next Boards. Total to be collected from each member 92c.

We want to urge each local president to do his best to make a round report at the next Boards. It means much to make round reports.

The H. B. A. is still moving forward. All we want is the members and we can make the death claims light each quarter.

SECRETARY.

### NOTICE

During the session of the last Boards I lost my rain coat. It was last seen at Oakvale, Miss., where we held the Board. It was a nice, grey coat, had been worn about three times. If anyone has seen such a coat please notify me.

R. L. YOUNG,
Box 1043, Meridian, Miss.

### DOTS FROM No. 123, CRANDALL, MISS.

Easter Lodge at Crandall, Miss., is yet on the map. They continue to come in, four new members for July.

The anniversary picnic and sermon for the lodge will be on the 10th and 11th of September.

The president, A. L. Slay, and husband, James Slay, and Bro. Wyatt Tools, motored over to Mt. Sterling, Ala., on the 14th of August, to visit relatives and report a nice time, meeting a sister that they had been absent from for fourteen years.

Mrs.. Mary Roberts and children, Jessica, Bernice and Geo. Jack, of Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Alice H. Fowler and children, Emerson and Eugene, of McClain, Miss., Mrs. Sadie Thompson, Mrs. Lula Shackleford and son, Chester Lee, of Louisville, Ky., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Slay.

Mrs. Courtney Smith's sons, A. B. and Taylor, and daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Walker, her son-in-law, Boyce Wilson, and wife, Inez, and Miss Gertrude Fisher of Laurel, Miss., motored out to Mrs. Bettie Donald's on the first Sunday to see how mamma and grandmother were getting along. They report a nice time in the country.

The battle against satan and sin is set up for a few days at Shady Grove Church, but closed and is now on at Mt. Gillard and Zion Chapel, and they are building up the breastworks at Mt. Neborn for the third Sunday.

The hogs and cattle are getting bad from some cause now.

Rev. Geo. Parish's children were all at home visiting relatives and the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moss were up from Rivery, Miss., the first Sunday to visit papa and mamma.

Mr. J. M. (Bish) Napier, Bro. Ed Murphy, Miss., Nancie nd Bryant and Ella C. Donald visited the Quitman convention and report a big time.

BOOSTER.

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## NOTICE! IMPORTANT!

All local presidents are requested to collect $2.00 from their local lodge for subscriptions to The Echo and publication. Please bear in mind that this amount must be collected in the first Board after the Convention of each year. One dollar of said amount is for your subscription to The Echo for twelve months, and one dollar pays for the publication of your reports through the paper. Presidents will please remember that your reports cannot and will not be accepted unless accompanied with $2.00. We hope that none of our presidents will overlook this mtter. If any reports are brought to the Board or sent to the office without the $2.00 we shall be compelled to return the report to you for adjustment.

We wish to state also that the presidents who failed to make their annual reports in the Convention are fined according to the law. Please remember that I cannot exempt you from your fine. It may be that you can meet the Board and render an excuse that may be accepted, but I cannot excuse you. It is out of my power to do so. We had some local presidents to send in their annual reports last week. Such presidents will please meet the Board with $5.00 and their excuses, and if one will not work the other will.

## BROOKLYN, MISS., DOTS

Brooklyn, Miss., Aug. 22, 1927.
Rev. Royal Laborer,

Dear Sir: This comes as a heartfelt congratulation to your re-election as general secretary of the H. B. A.. Go on to the goal—your voice is almost music to the true H. B. A.; your name the best melody. I am trying to hold the woodpile down in this part of District No. 5.

Listen! On the 14th I was a visitor of No. 120, my mother's lodge, at Gum Pond, with President J. H. Wright, Vice President Sister Agnes Mack, Sister Hest Nettles, Secretary. Rev. E. L. Fox preached a noble sermon, "Moses and the Burning Brush" —I'll tell you, this Fox was in high gear. A fine dinner, cold drinks free. Installation by myself, and next day, the 15th, I was between Brooklyn and on the 18th I was called to Gulfport Pruvis working up a new lodge, and to adjust No. 240. President W. J. Bethea was in his station with his staff; added two to the membership and received two for application. This lodge will be a hot hustler. These lodges are going on. It's a clean-up drive for me. These reports are true. President of No. 219 was baptized on the 14th. Thanks to the Master, the H. B. A. has made him a Christian.

Yours,
B. J. WILLIAMS

## EDITORS NOTE

If you want kittens, cats, hogs, pigs, calves and cows, lasses and molasses, chicks and chickens, cotton and more cotton, corn and roasting ears, H. B. A.'s and more H. B. A.'s see President J. J. Overstreet. R. L. Y.

## CORRECTION

In the last issue of The Echo we published the numbers of the lodges and the amount that each lodge had donated. We wish to credit No. 69, of which Mr. I. English is president, for $6.50. He leads, followed closely by Mr. Tom Smith with $6.25.

## H. B. A. DOTS

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Editor: This comes to let the many readers of The Echo know that Lodge No. 205 is still alive. Our little band is still pushing things to the top. We are planning to have a nice time on the second Sunday. We have just closed a splendid revival. We had a soul-stirring meeting conducted by Rev. D. L. Barnett. Rev. Barnett is loved by us. We feel proud of him for he is a God-sent man. Three persons were added to the church. Rev. Bolden preached a splendid sermon for us that will not soon be forgotten. Our collections were above $30.00. We raised one dollar for our pastor to subscribe for The Echo.

May God bless the work of the H. B. A.

MRS. A. J. WORD, Reporter.

## NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

We have been collecting $1.45 policy and bond fee from the new members, and have asked that the presidents send in the 55 cents building fee as early as possible. We find that not one-third of the presidents will do this. They get the policies and never collect the 55 cents, if so they do not report it. The General President has ordered me to not issue any more policies unless the amount is accompanied with 55 cents building fee. No president will receive policies unless you send a total of $2.00 for each member who desires a policy. When you come to the Board be sure to bring $2.00 for each member who desires a policy. We are losing so much money that we are compelled to stop issuing policies without the building fee.

We have some presidents who will pay, and do pay the 55 cents, but we have a large majority who have not paid. I know who they are and have their reports to show that they owe the amounts. Some have owed for more than six months. NO MORE POLICIES ISSUED UNLESS YOU SEND 55 CENTS BUILDING FEE.

## No. 198 STILL GROWING

Bond, Miss., Aug. 23, 1927.

Dear Editor: Lodge No. 198 of Bond is still alive and growing.

On the third Sunday in August the anniversary sermon, preached by Rev. Fox, was enjoyed by all.

Local presidents and members from Nos. 266, 219 and 105 were present and added greatly to the success of the meeting.

A local program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. Batson.

Welcome address by Mrs. Carrie Breland.

Response by Mr. D. B. Breland.

Solo—"What Are They Doing in Heaven?"—Bessie M. McKenzie.

Paper, subject "Love"—Mrs. Georgia Ramsey.

Solo and Chorus, "The Old Time Religion"—Mrs. Fowler and others.

Recital—Mrs. H. Stewart.

Paper, "Opportunity"—Mrs. Lucy Breland.

Recital by Mrs. Viola Angels.

Duet, "I'll Be Ready When He Comes"—Mrs. Batson and Mrs. Angels.

Mrs. Effie B. Kennedy presided at the organ.

Presidents Bryant and Jones spoke forcibly in favor of the H. B. A.

Five applications for membership were received.

Please give space in The Echo for this and the welcome address.

J. M. HALL, President.
VIOLA BATSON, Reporter.

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While we are traveling along down this old railroad life boys, let's not lose sight of the importance of the safety of our souls, for when that is assured we have a clear conscience, and that in turn insures a clear mind, and both of these are necessary if we are to successfully discharge the duties assigned to us. It has been said that one of the greatest safety appliances known is a careful man with a good clear mind and a healthy, active body, and it is therefore well that we give attention to the spiritual as well as the physical side of our beings.

## BOND IS APPRECIATIVE

Mr. President, Mistress of Ceremonies and Congregation:—

First of all, I am thankful to the "Great All-Father" that we are yet alive to see each other's face.

I feel honored, highly honored, by the privilege of standing before you to address you with a few words of welcome.

To the visitors, I welcome you to the town of Bond, to our church and to our homes; to lots of cool water and other necessities which will contribute to your comfort while here.

You may meet with a few mosquitoes, who strictly adhere to the rule, "mosquitoes should be heard and felt." You are also welcome to any attention they may pay to you.

Words in my vocabulary are inadequate to express our appreciation of your presence here, but will, to the best of our ability, endeavor to entertain you. We hope we will be successful.

We do not propose to feed the intellect and starve the body. It has been said the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. The same may be applied to woman, therefore, we have made ample provision for you with the hope that the memory of this day will be a pleasant one.

You are not only welcome to our table, but you are certainly welcome to what will be on the table.

We, the people of Bond, especially the members of this Association, are firm believers in benevolence. In a moral sense we know it is more blessed to give than to receive, and some people have entertained angels unawares, so I will not tell you, but we will do all in our power to show you how welcome you are.

Again, in behalf of this order, whose foundation is based on benevolence, I extend to you a cordial welcome.

CARRIE M. BRELAND.

## BOARDS MEET AS FOLLOWS

Board No. 1 will meet at Oak Grove out from Porterville, Miss., on the 20th of this month, Mr. Handy White, local president.

No. 2 will meet at the H. B. A. building on the 21st of this month.

No. 3 will meet at Mathesville, out from Quitman, Miss., on the Mississippi Eastern, on the 27th of this month.

No. 4 will meet at Bond, Miss., on the 28th of this month.

No. 5 meets out from Magee, Miss., with No. 118, on the 29th of this month. Go to Magee and inquire for W. J. Rankins. Please make round reports.

## TEACHER TO WEAR 'EM LONG

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 10.—No wintry breezes will endanger the health of young women teachers in Singleton, Leake county, by blowing against legs uncovered by skirts, a decree by the school board trustees says in a ruling that women teachers' skirts must not be shorter than midway between knee and ankle.

The trustees also decided that during the coming session the women teachers must wear sleeves no shorter than one inch above the elbow.

These measures were taken, according to a statement of the trustees, because of the adoption in other states of regulations regarding dresses worn by women school teachers.—*Meridian Star.*

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Dear Editor: Just a few words to let you know we are pushing the old H. B. A. Ark on "slow but sure." We had our installation exercises Sunday, August 14, 1927. The Rev. Fox was with us and preached a wonderful sermon. We are expecting the Board to convene in Bond this month. Come to New Prospect Baptist Church; you will be taken care of. May the God of Peace bless you and let you long live.

J. W. HALL,
No. 198, Bond, Miss.

Dear Editor: This comes to let the readers know that we are doing nicely. A few weeks ago we had a splendid time for our Sunday School at Holbrook School House. We had extended an invitation to Rev. D. H. Watson to come and be with us. Rev. Watson is a fine agent, and I think we should have had him with us sometime ago. He is full of good instruction and it will help anyone to have him.

After Brother Wilson had talked he opened the doors for H. B. A. members, and we are proud to report that he took in two members of the C. B. A., one old H. B. A. and five new ones. We are proud to have these people unite with us. Rev. Watson is welcome to come again.

May I say that my people have seen fit to elect me as local president in the place of the beloved G. R. Roberts. We hope to go forward.

Yours for the H. B. A.,

FRANK WELCH,
Whynot, Miss.

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Dear Editor: Only a few words to let you know the fine work Mrs. D. H. Watson, Juvenile Agent, is doing. She was out to West Enterprise school house on August 12, and enrolled 20 new members in one day. This is proof of her work.

REPORTER.

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Dear Editor: Please leave space in the Echo to let my H. B. A. friends know that No. 33 Lodge is still alive. We had our annual sermon preached the 4th Sunday in August. A nice program was rendered under the supervision of Mrs. Watson, Juvenile Agent. It was enjoyed by all.

R. F. CLARKS, Presi.
M. E. JOHNSON, Sec.

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We are expecting to have a grand time at Shubuta, Miss. There will be a corner stone laying at Allen Temple, A. M. E. Church. Music will be furnished by the Meln Orchestra. Plenty of refreshments on the ground. Everybody envited.

REV. C. B. BROUTY, Pastor
LEE HEARN, Sec.

Brooklyn, Miss., Aug. 22, 1927.

Rev. E. F. Young, Gen. Pres.

Dear Sir: A happy greeting with a hearty congratulation on your reelection to the highest office in the H. B. A. You are a man of vision: you have reached the climax. Lead on as our "Moses." We will follow where you lead us. You are a pathfinder for the "race." I'm forced to say that you ask for Divine guidance. How can you lose with the stuff you use! I am for the Youngs, ever. You'll have less trouble in this part of district than before, for I'm on a clean-up drive. Let this go in The Echo. Best wishes to you and yours.

B. J. WILLIAMS, Agt.

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## H. B. A. Boards a Success

Local Presidents, Members and Friends:—

We do not know when we have attended the Boards and enjoyed them all the way through as we did the last quarter. Each host knew what to do to make things hum. The occasion was well taken care of by all. Those who entertain the next sessions will have to step around to surpass the co-operative service rendered on the part of the local presidents and their members. Travelling around as one does who attends the Boards, it is unusual to find good cooks all the way through. Well, the unusual thing happened, and after cooking the food so good, they knew how to serve it. On a whole, friends, you have never been beaten.

Certainly I want to again thank the local presidents, members and friends who contributed so liberally and so willingly to help me raise my assessment in our third financial drive for the erection of a modern church in our city. Tuesday, September 20, we were at Oak Grove with Lodge No. 237, H. White, president, where we were given $7.35, a high fence to begin, and we knew that none of the other districts would be able to add any rails. Wednesday, the twenty-first, we were at Meridian. The attendance was small, and yet a liberal offering was given, amounting to $5.50. Tuesday the twenty-seventh found us at Matherville with Lodge No. 119, J. H. Moore, president. Matherville jumped the fence with $11.70.

Wednesday the twenty-fifth we were at Bond where we had a very small attendance, but after our cause was presented the good people came forward and put on the table $9.35. Thursday the twenty-ninth, we were at Magee with Lodge No. 118, W. J. Rankin, president. The attendance here was not so great, but led the districts with $16.00, making a total of $48.90. Friends, I take this method of expressing my appreciation to you for your unstinted support, and I am pleased to tell you that we raised in this drive a total of $700.00.

Our church is nearing completion now and we are extending you an invitation to come and visit the church you have helped to build.

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

## "DOTS" FROM WATER-VALLEY, ALA.

"Dotts" from Water Valley (Ala.)

The official convention of the church met in Bellmount A. M. E. Church, and it was something on the mordern order and much good was the results.

Rev. May, pastor; Sister Della Bouner, president; Sister Magnolia Howard, secretary, and Prof. O. L. Banks, assisant secretary. Reports were as follows:

Stewardess receipts:

| | |
|---|---|
| Sister Dellar Bouner | $ 4.50 |
| Sister Fannie Mitchell | 1.45 |
| Sister E. King | 4.00 |
| Sister E. A. Jones | 1.00 |
| Sister Mancy K. Jones | 4.10 |
| Sister Lettie Howard | 2.00 |
| L. V. Club, Sister Lillie Kirksy | 5.05 |
| Sunday School | 1.50 |
| Missionary S. S. | 3.60 |
| Com. on Dollar Money | 17.85 |
| Stewarts report | 21.00 |
| Total | $66.05 |

Dear Editor: Please allow a little space in your Echo for me to make an inquiry of my aunt, Eluia Love. She has a husband by the name of Edward Love and some children, Andrew Love, Missie and Pet Love. If any one knows of any of these persons which I have named, I will highly appreciate it if you will notify Annie B. Williams, Orange Md. Star, Memphis, Tenn.

## CRANDALL DOTS

On the 12th of Sept., we were honored with having our general president, Rev. E. F. Young in Crandall to preach our anniversary sermon. His subject was, "Our Condition in the Dark." Twelve new members were added to Lodge No. 123 after which a program was rendered by the juveniles which was enjoyed by all. Everybody was filled with joy by having our good old friend and general president, Rev. E. F. Young with us.

BOOSTER

## BOND, MISS.

We would like for you to know that the old H. B. A. No. 198 is still on the map. We had a succesful meeting on Sept. 16. There were nine applicants added to the lodge. After the business part of the meeting was over with the refreshment committee served a nicely-cooked dinner. Everything was given free. We were blessed with having Revs. J. Woodards, J. N. McGown of McHenry and Brother W. H. Loughan of Wiggins, Miss., who spoke many encouraging words in behalf of the H. B. A.

G. W. HALL, Pres.
E. B. KENNEDY, Sec.

Dear Editor: Please allow me enough space in your Echo to let readers know that lodge number 219 is still alive, and doing excellent work. On the third Sunday in September we had a rally and a nice collection for the day was taken up. The welcome address was read by Sister Estella Williams, subject, "A True H. B. A. Member."

## NOTICE

All presidents are asked to have his secretary to make out all wills with ink in a regular lodge meeting before sending them to the general president to be signed.

E. F. YOUNG, Gen. Pres.

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Meridian, Miss., Sept. 13, 1927.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me space in The Echo. Our lodge is doing nicely. It seems that we members have taken a double determination since the last convention.

We are glad to learn that the general president and general secretary returned right around $700 to the local lodges of money coming from bond interest and rent from the building It has been rumored that the building would belong to Young and Roy, but if that be the case we wouldn't care if Young and Roy do own the building so long as they return such amounts of money in the next convention as they did in the last.

We all are planning to join the Burial Department of the H. B. A. after the Board. We are still working for the H. B. A. "interest".

As I was visiting the T. B. Hospital a few months ago, I chanced to find our general president's wife, Mrs. E. F. Young, and I have visited her quite frequently. She seemed to be very glad to have me call and she is now doing nicely.

The first time I visited there, I found another lady there with Mrs. Young, a Mrs. James, and the next time I visited the Lord had seen fit to take Mrs. James, and it was no one there save Mrs. Young.

I chanced to ask Mrs. Young about Mrs. James and she told me that Mrs. James had died on Friday night. She saw that I wasn't satisfied and asked me would I have been afraid there alone. I told her yes. She said she wasn't, that she always put the Lord first said that she takes her Bible, read a chapter or two, pray a prayer and go to sleep, that the Lord watches over her while she sleeps. Her motto; "Trust In the Lord."

There are two patients there besides Mrs. Young, would like to have you visit them. One other patient there, a man by the name of Mr. Alex Vaughn, is in very low stage. He is not doing well at all and he has no mother nor father, so H. B. A.'s, we have work to be done.

Yours in Christ,

Ophelia Burton, daughter of local president J. C. Burton, Lodge No. 47.

## THE LOCAL LODGES REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

| No.— | Dues. | Claims. | Back. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $4.05 | $21.56 | |
| 2 | 6.90 | 36.19 | |
| 3 | 5.10 | 26.95 | |
| 4 | 6.60 | 34.65 | |
| 5 | 2.55 | 13.86 | |
| 8 | .90 | 5.39 | |
| 9 | 6.75 | 35.42 | |
| 11 | 6.15 | 32.34 | |
| 18 | .90 | 5.39 | |
| 19 | 2.40 | 13.09 | |
| 20 | 6.15 | 32.34 | |
| 21 | 7.35 | 38.50 | $1.35 |
| 22 | 3.75 | 20.02 | .95 |
| 23 | 15.15 | 78.54 | |
| 25 | 2.85 | 15.40 | |
| 27 | 4.50 | 23.87 | |
| 28 | 12.00 | 62.37 | 5.00 |
| 30 | 9.60 | 50.06 | |
| 31 | 7.65 | 40.04 | |
| 32 | 4.20 | 22.33 | |
| 33 | 6.75 | 35.42 | |
| 39 | 8.40 | 45.43 | |
| 40 | 4.80 | 25.41 | .79 |
| 42 | 4.20 | 22.33 | |
| 43 | No Report | | |
| 44 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
| 45 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 50 | 3.15 | 16.93 | |
| 52 | 5.55 | 29.26 | |
| 53 | 8.40 | 45.43 | |
| 54 | 1.20 | 6.93 | |
| 55 | 3.45 | 18.48 | |
| 56 | 3.15 | 16.94 | |
| 57 | 17.40 | 90.09 | |
| 58 | 5.25 | 27.72 | |
| 61 | 2.40 | 13.09 | |
| 62 | No Report | | |
| 63 | 2.55 | 13.86 | |
| 64 | 9.30 | 48.51 | |
| 65 | .30 | 2.31 | |
| 66 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
| 67 | 4.50 | 23.87 | |
| 69 | 6.90 | 36.19 | |
| 70 | 7.50 | 39.27 | |
| 71 | 6.90 | 36.19 | |
| 72 | 6.75 | 35.42 | |
| 74 | 6.15 | 32.34 | |
| 75 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 76 | 4.05 | 21.56 | |
| 77 | 3.75 | 20.02 | |
| 79 | 3.15 | 16.94 | |
| 80 | 7.50 | 39.27 | |
| 82 | 18.15 | 93.94 | |
| 85 | 5.85 | 30.80 | |
| 92 | 9.15 | 47.74 | |
| 93 | 7.20 | 37.73 | |
| 94 | 4.05 | 21.56 | |
| 95 | 8.70 | 45.43 | 1.00 |
| 96 | 6.45 | 33.88 | |
| 98 | 3.60 | 19.25 | |
| 99 | 3.90 | 20.77 | |
| 100 | 1.35 | 7.60 | |
| 102 | 11.25 | 58.52 | |
| 103 | 2.70 | 14.63 | |
| 105 | 3.00 | 16.17 | |
| 106 | .75 | 4.62 | |
| 108 | 7.35 | 38.50 | 2.85 |
| 109 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
| 110 | 3.60 | 19.25 | |
| 111 | .60 | 3.85 | |
| 112 | 2.85 | 16.17 | |
| 113 | 3.60 | 19.25 | 1.54 |
| 114 | .90 | 5.39 | |
| 115 | 4.65 | 24.64 | |
| 116 | 7.50 | 39.27 | |
| 118 | 5.55 | 29.26 | |
| 119 | 11.25 | 58.52 | |
| 120 | 4.80 | 25.41 | 1.95 |
| 121 | 1.80 | 10.01 | |
| 122 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 123 | 7.20 | 37.73 | |
| 125 | 4.50 | 23.87 | 1.35 |
| 127 | 14.70 | 76.23 | |
| 130 | 7.80 | 40.81 | |
| 131 | 5.25 | 27.72 | |
| 132 | 5.25 | 27.72 | |
| 133 | 21.60 | 111.65 | |
| 135 | 1.20 | 6.93 | |
| 136 | 2.85 | 15.40 | |
| 138 | No Report | | |

| No.— | Dues. | Claims. | Back. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 139 | 3.90 | 20.79 | |
| 140 | .45 | 3.08 | |
| 141 | 4.80 | 25.41 | |
| 145 | 13.35 | 69.60 | |
| 146 | 5.55 | 29.26 | |
| 147 | .60 | 3.85 | |
| 148 | 4.20 | 22.33 | |
| 151 | 6.75 | 35.42 | |
| 152 | 3.00 | 16.17 | |
| 153 | 8.25 | 43.12 | |
| 156 | No Report | | |
| 157 | 5.70 | 30.03 | |
| 158 | 2.25 | 13.86 | |
| 159 | 2.10 | 11.55 | |
| 160 | 12.15 | 63.14 | |
| 161 | .30 | 1.54 | |
| 162 | 3.00 | 16.17 | |
| 163 | 2.40 | 13.09 | |
| 165 | 7.20 | 37.73 | |
| 167 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 168 | No Report | | |
| 171 | No Report | | |
| 173 | 5.40 | 28.49 | |
| 174 | 1.65 | 9.24 | |
| 176 | 2.85 | 15.40 | |
| 177 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 178 | 2.10 | 11.55 | |
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| 180 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
| 181 | 7.80 | 40.81 | .95 |
| 183 | 1.05 | 5.39 | |
| 184 | No Report | | |
| 185 | 7.35 | 38.50 | |
| 186 | .15 | .77 | |
| 189 | 7.20 | 37.73 | 1.90 |
| 190 | 10.65 | 55.44 | |
| 192 | 3.15 | 16.94 | |
| 193 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 194 | 7.65 | 40.04 | 1.25 |
| 195 | 7.95 | 41.58 | |
| 197 | 1.05 | 4.49 | |
| 198 | 5.10 | 26.95 | |
| 199 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 200 | 4.95 | 26.18 | |
| 201 | 4.50 | 23.87 | 1.95 |
| 202 | 1.65 | 9.24 | |
| 203 | 1.95 | 10.78 | |
| 204 | .45 | 3.08 | |
| 205 | 4.50 | 23.87 | |
| 207 | 4.50 | 23.87 | |
| 209 | No Report | | |
| 210 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
| 212 | 4.95 | 26.18 | |
| 213 | 19.50 | 100.87 | |
| 214 | 1.65 | 9.24 | |
| 215 | 4.35 | 23.10 | 2.85 |
| 216 | No Report | | |
| 217 | 2.25 | 12.32 | |
| 218 | 6.45 | 33.88 | |
| 219 | 3.75 | 17.71 | |
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| 221 | 3.90 | 20.77 | |
| 222 | 4.20 | 22.33 | |
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| 228 | 1.35 | 7.70 | |
| 229 | No Report | | |
| 230 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
| 231 | 4.50 | 23.10 | |
| 232 | 2.55 | 13.86 | |
| 233 | 1.95 | 10.78 | |
| 234 | 1.20 | 6.93 | 5.00 |
| 235 | 2.40 | 13.09 | |
| 236 | 2.85 | 15.40 | |
| 237 | 6.00 | 31.57 | |
| 238 | | .77 | 1.90 |
| 239 | 7.35 | 39.27 | |
| 240 | 6.15 | 32.34 | |
| 241 | No Report | | |
| 242 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 243 | No Report | | |
| 245 | 3.75 | 20.02 | |
| 246 | .45 | 3.08 | |
| 247 | 2.55 | 13.86 | |
| 248 | 4.95 | 26.18 | |
| 249 | 8.40 | 48.89 | |
| 250 | Reported | | |
| 251 | 3.45 | 16.63 | |
| 252 | No Report | | |
| 253 | 3.00 | 15.40 | |
| 254 | 2.70 | 13.86 | |
| 256 | 3.00 | 16.17 | |
| 257 | 3.00 | 16.17 | |
| 258 | 4.20 | 22.33 | |
| 259 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 260 | 2.70 | 14.63 | |
| 261 | 7.20 | 37.73 | |
| 262 | 3.00 | 13.56 | |
| 263 | 1.80 | 10.01 | |
| 264 | 3.00 | 16.17 | |
| 265 | No Report | | |
| 266 | 3.90 | 20.77 | |
| 267 | 3.30 | 17.71 | |
| 268 | .60 | 4.00 | |
| 269 | 6.60 | 34.65 | |
| 270 | 2.10 | 11.55 | |
| 271 | 2.85 | 15.40 | |
| 272 | 2.40 | 13.09 | |
| 273 | No Report | | |
| 274 | No Report | | |
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| 288 | 2.10 | 11.55 | |
| 289 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |
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| 296 | 1.35 | 7.70 | |
| 297 | 1.80 | 10.01 | |
| 49 | No Report | | |
| 47 | 2.55 | 13.86 | |
| 60 | 1.50 | 8.47 | |

## CORNERSTONE LAYING

### Wesley Chapel, Fannin, Miss.

There will be a Cornerstone laying at Wesley Chapel C. M. E. Church, Fannin, Miss., on the fifth Sunday, October 30. The stone will be laid by the following H. B. A. Lodges:

Numbers 23, 52, 57, 63, 71, 99, 118, 131, 133, 148, 152, 160, 167, 179, 180, 181, 189, 245, 256, 258, 261, 263, 277, 281, 283, 297.

There will be a free dinner and everybody is invited to be present. Direction: Those who are coming through Brandon, keep straight north of Brandon Station.

REV. E. F. YOUNG, Pastor

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Dear Editor: I am writing to let you know that the H. B. A. No. 33 is still alive. We had our annual sermon preached on the fourth Sunday in August. A program was rendered by the juvenile department. A paper was read from Lodge No.72 and responded by Brother I. English, Sister M. A. Trussell was mistress of ceremony. The Rev. Johnson preached a wonderful sermon which was enjoyed by all present. A nice collection of $12.15 was raised.

R. F CLARK, Pres.
M. E. JOHNSON. Sec.

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Hearts that change not, love that cannot cease,
And peace be yours, the peace of soul in soul!

## BOARD COLLECTION

The following amounts were collected during the last Board:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building | $ 50.00 |
| Bond | 150.00 |
| Echo publication | 400.00 |
| Quarterly dues | 910.90 |
| Death claims for Dist. 1 and 2 | 1,501.58 |
| Death claims for Dis. 3-4-5 | 3,312.57 |
| Church donations | 50.00 |
| Collection otherwise | 25.00 |
| Grand total | $6,400.05 |
| Paid to seven representatives in Districts 1 and 2 each | $ 214.51 |
| Paid to 16 representatives in Districts 3, 4 and 5 each | 212.05 |

If any of the local presidents find a mistake in their report coming through The Echo please notify me at once and we will gladly correct the same.

We wish to thank Rev. E. W. Washington and his church for $8.50 on our church drive.

There were two or three other presidents that made a report on our church drive, but we do not have the reports at hand.

The last Boards were the best we have ever witnessed, practically all presidents making splendid reports.

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To the local presidents and subscribers: This is the first paper that has been issued since the Board.

R. L. YOUNG.

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**STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of THE ECHO**

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Roy L. Young, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor, publisher, business manager and owner of The Echo, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reserse of this form, to-wit:

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3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

ROY L. YOUNG.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of October, 1927.

WILLIS M. TAYLOR,
(Seal) Notary Public.

My commission expires August 17, 1930.

## BURIAL DEPARTMENT

The H. B. A. Burial department is making splendid progress. A large number of the presidents made splendid reports on this department. The drive in the burial department will end on the 15th of November. From now until the 15th of November we will issue a .25 check to the local presidents for every new member he sends in. After this date we will issue no more checks for new members.

All presidents who have members in the burial department are requested to send in their second quarterly report for this department on November 15th. In a few days I will mail to you report blanks for same. Please bear in mind that you are to notify the office for burial outfits should a member die.

If any member is buried without obtaining permission for said burial from the office we will not be responsible for the bill.

E. F. YOUNG, President.

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### "NEWELL CHAPEL HAS SPLENDID CONVOCATION

Rev. R. L. Young and his good people closed a splendid convocation at their church a few days ago. The Rev. I. H. Jones of New Orleans, La., conducted the meeting. Six members were added to the church and $700 was raised.

REV. R. L. YOUNG, Pastor.

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# THE ECHO

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## NOTICE TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS

I have just received a late quarterly report from a certain local president. This report should have been sent in to the September Board, but for some cause he was delayed. The thing that amused me was he paid up for his members with the exception of a few, and left himself out. He told me in his letter that he would get his in not later than the next Board. I was just wondering if that brother knew that he was out and the lodge had no local president? Practically all of our local presidents are good men and women, but a few of them have no forethought whatever. All of their thoughts are "hind" thoughts.

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We have just had a letter from one of our local presidents, Mr. D. B. Breland, of Brooklyn, Miss., stating that he had lost all of his possessions by fire. He asked that if anyone can help him he will appreciate it very much. Mail whatever you have for him to Box 25, Brooklyn, Miss.

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Since the last issue of The Echo we have lost two of our old-time friends in the person of Prof. Jim Jones and Brother Isaac Irby. We are told that Prof. Jones fell dead.

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## H. B. A. DRIVE

We want to urge all of our local presidents to push the drive. Members can join now until the December Board for 50 cents, then send to our address $2.00 for building fee, policy and bond. We think the drive will end in December.

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## ECHO LATE

We are late with this issue of The Echo because the editor has been sick. For about 12 days we were unable to leave home, being confined to bed for more than a week.

## BIG DAY AT FANNIN

Rev. E. F. Young is full of smiles and as happy as he can be because of the splendid response made by the members of the H. B. A. at his nice cornerstone laying at Fannin, Miss. Agent W. J. Rankin and a large number of the presidents and members were present. We do not have the names of all the H. B. A.'s who attended. The collection for the day was between $160 and $175.

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We have a nice little souvenir that we are to give to the local presidents for every member they report at the Board. Those members who fail to report during the Board will not receive the gift. If any memebr sends in his report one day after the Board has met he will be too late. When the number of members is counted, I, as secretary, will issue to the local president a gift for every member paid up. Those who fail to pay will be in hard luck. Please do not send your report in for some negligent member after the Board has met and expect the gift. It will be too late. In the next issue of The Echo we will notify you as to the amount to be collected.

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## NOTICE

I have mailed to some of the local presidents a beautiful picture of our newly-completed church. We still have some indebtedness, and I am asking each president who has received one of the pictures to send me $1.00 for the picture. Ordinarily the picture would sell for 50 cents, but since we are in dire need for funds, I am asking you to give $1.00 for the picture. If there be any of you who have not received one, and you would like to get one, please send me $1.00 and I will gladly send you the picture, or send me a postal card telling me that you want one and I will mail it to you with the understanding that you will in return send $1.00.

## BURIAL REPORTS OUT

Dear Presidents:

This will call your attention to the fact that the H. B. A. Burial Report was sent to you sometime ago. We only sent reports to those of you who have members in this department. We are asking each president to make his report not later than the fifteenth of this month. All presidents are requested to send in 75 cents for each member of your department. You will remember that the quarter for the burial department does not run with the quarter for death claims and quarterly dues. The quarter for the burial department began August 15, making the next quarter begin November 15. Please remember that if a member joins in October, and the assessment is sent out for the November quarter, that member is subject to pay again. In other words, it is on the same basis as that of the H. B. A. If you join one week or one day as the case may be before the sitting of the Board, you are entitled to pay all claims. The burial claims are 75 cents a quarter. We are pleased to know that quite a few presidents have sent in their reports already. We want to urge that all of you put on special drives for the burial department and increase your membership.

SECRETARY.

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## NEWELL CHAPEL CHURCH COMPLETED

Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church, of which Rev. R. L. Young is pastor, has been completed at a cost of $15,000. He and his good people are now making ready for their annual conference which is to meet at Hattiesburg, Miss., on the twenty-third of this month. The pastor and members wish to thank all who have helped in this great effort.

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### H. B. A. BOARDS TO MEET

The December Boards will meet at Soso, Miss., and Meridian. All of the local presidents in and around Meridian, up the M. & O. and down the M. & O. for a short distance, will please meet at Meridian. All other presidents will meet at Soso, out from Laurel, Miss. Quite a few places have asked for the Board, but during these winter months when the weather and the roads are bad, it is too hard on those of us who follow up the Boards to take so much exposure. We hope that our local presidents will not feel as if we are trying to ignore them and their desires, but we must take care of ourselves. If the Board is to be held in places that are inconvenient, the local presidents can send in their report, but it matters not how bad, or what is happening, the general officers must go. It is our duty to serve you, and we want to do so as best we can, but we do not want to do it at too great a sacrifice of health and safety. If no further changes, we will meet at Soso December 27, and in Meridian, December 29. We want to urge all presidents to make round reports.

### H. B. A. BADGES

A new order of H. B. A. badges has just arrived. Order at once or you will be too late. The H. B. A. buttons are here also.

The following named persons are to be paid off in the December Board:

Prince Wheeler, No. 258, died August 18, 1927.

Walter Smith, No. 53, died August 15, 1927.

Leatha West, No. 21, died August 29, 1927.

Sam Roberts, No. 54, died September 3, 1927.

Willie M. Washington, No. 145, died September 5, 1927.

Mary Maxie, No. 250, died September 9, 1927.

Bessie Barnes, No. 23, died October 17, 1927.

Patsy Young, No. 2, died October 16, 1927.

Octavia Clayton, No. 30, died September 29, 1927.

Norah Kelly, No. 99, died October 12, 1927.

Peter Moton, No. 71, died October 23, 1927.

### NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

All presidents are asked to report deceased members of their lodges to the office if you have not done so. I am going to publish the total death list in the next issue.

R. L. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Rev. R. L. Young and his members wish to thank the good members of Lodge No. 28 and No. 270 for the donation they gave for the building of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church. The report was not published before.

We were honored by having Mrs. Carrie Jury, president of H. B. A. Lodge No. 127, and Mrs. B. J. Barlow of Shubuta pay us a short visit to the office on November 10. Their mission was on business concerning Lodge No. 127.

M. L. LARKINS,
Reporter.

### ARM, MISS.

Rev. W. C. McDuffy's car was burned a few weeks ago, and the fire from his car caused two other cars close by to burn also. The cause of the fire is unknown.

REPORTER.

### NOTICE

Last month I published a notice in the paper for presidents to have their secretaries to make out all wills before sending them to the president to be signed. Some failed to read this notice, because we are still getting many policies with no wills made out. Please read and take heed.

E. F. YOUNG, Pres.

Dear Editor: I am writing to let you and the many readers know that H. B. A. No. 220 had a wonderful anniversary sermon preached on the 25th of September, at Oak Grove Baptist Church, by Rev. Erwin. A program was rendered by the members of No. 220. A nice collection was raised after which we adjourned for dinner.

MRS. A. ANDERSON, Pres.

### NOTICE

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R. W. YOUNG,
P. O. Zox 1043, Meridian, Miss.

Dear Editor: I am writing you in regard to Brother Ira Jenkins, president of H. B. A. lodge No. 297, Gulfport, Miss. The people could not have selected a better leader. I have known him to be a just, upright and honest man for quite a while, and he has a loyal membership.

B. J. WILLIAMS, Agt.,
Brooklyn, Miss.

### CORNERSTONE LAYING GREAT SUCCESS

The cornerstone laying at Wesley Chapel C. M. E. Church, Fannin, Miss., on October 30, was quite a success. The following H. B. A. lodges were present: 133, 118, 239, 261, and 297.

REV. E. F. YOUNG, Pastor.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Dear Editor: I am writing to let you and other H. B. A. members know that my house was burned and everything I had was lost.

D. B. BRELAND,
Brooklyn, Miss.

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The local lodges report as follows (continued):

| No.— | Dues. | Claims. | Back. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 161 | $3.60 | $18.78 | ..... |
| 156 | 2.25 | 12.32 | ..... |
| 252 | 2.25 | 11.55 | ..... |
| 62 | 2.40 | 13.09 | ..... |
| 229 | 2.40 | 12.32 | ..... |

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### TURRIBLE! TURRRIBLE!

One Sunday two lovers went to church. When the collection was being taken up the young man explored his pockets, and finding nothing, whispered to his sweetheart, "I haven't a cent. I changed my pants."

Meanwhile the girl had been searching her bag, and finding nothing, blushed a rosy red and said, "I'm in the same prediament."—*Good Hardware.*

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### SEVERING HOME TIES

Reggis had been very rude to his father and had been sent to his bedroom as a punishment.

A little later his mother went to see what the boy was doing, and found him writing.

"Is that a letter to daddy asking for forgiveness?" she said.

"If you must know," replied Riggie "I'm writing to the Arhebishop of Canterburg to get a divorce from both of you."—*London Tit Bits.*

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### NO TRIMMINGS

Choleric Business Man: "I don't know what the modern youngsters are coming to. My wretched office boys presistently whistles while they work."

Second Ditto: "You're fortunate. Mine just whistle."

### YOUR BEST FRIEND

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I am omnipotent—saving arms, limbs, eyes, bodies—the lives of fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, relaives and friends.

I am omnipresent—in the home, in the mill, in the factory, on the street. on the railroad, on the sea, in the air.

I prevent mental worries and physical pains.

I bring health, joy and happiness to the lives of all.

I am a panacea for the majority of all human miseries and trouble.

I bring smiles and happiness wherever I go.

I augment your bank account, for I am a "money saver."

I add years to the lives of hundreds of thousands.

I make life really worth living.

I am constructive, not destructive.

I am a co-partner of good judgment and common sense.

I am a "joy dispenser," a "life saver" and a "good fellow well met."

I AM SAFETY FIRST—*The United Labor Press Association.*

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### HE DIDN'T KNOW

A colored woman, brought before a magistrate on a charge of being cruel in her punishment of her boy, asked: "Judge have you ever been the father of a troublesome nigger boy?"

The judge said that he had not.

"Then you don't know nothin' about it," she replied triumphantly.

### THAT GOOD OLD TRADE OF MINE

I owe you much, old trade of mine,
More than I can ever pay,
The years I've spent with you, old friend,
Have been for me a happy way.

In my youth, I found you waiting
To take me to your heart,
In all the storms that you have weathered,
I've tried to do my part.

You gave me food and chance for living,
The way I really wanted to,
You gave me knowledge, education,
A path to travel through.

You sent me to the far horizon,
To blaze a trail for other men,
You taught me well, cooperation,
To forget about "What might have been."

But best of all you gave me friends,
Men whose hearts were great and true,
Men whose words were all sincerity,
Men who helped me carry through.

I owe you much, old trade of mine,
More than I can ever pay,
The years I've spent with you, old friend,
Have been for me a happy way.

*C. P. G.*

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### REALLY

"Speaking of inherited characteristics, I knew a man once whose father hanged himself with a rope."

"Did the son hang himself, too?"

"No, he became a tight-rope artist."

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### YOUR OLD MAN AGAIN

First Little Girl: "Do you believe in the devil?"

Second Little Girl: "No! It's like Santa Slaus. It's your father."

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### DOES HE "SHORT-CIRCUIT"

He: "Here comes a friend of mine. He's a human dynamo."

She: "Really?"

He: "Yes, everything he has on is charged."

## IT PAYS TO BE CIVIL

Anything you can get for nothing and dispose of for a price is valuable. Civility is such a commodity.

Think what the civility of others means to you and you will begin to understand what your civility means to others.

Then you will employ it a little more often and get results with it.

Suppose on a railroad trip you walk through car seeking a seat.

To the occupant of one of them you say, "Is this seat taken?"

He looks up, stares at you, then points to a grip which he has placed beside him to hold the seat as long as possible.

Suppose that man applied to you for a job the following day. Would you give it to him?

Imagine yourself walking a little further along the aisle. To another man you say, "It this seat taken?"

"No," he says politely, and moves over to give you room. He does not need to entertain you with conversation afterward He does not even need to say, "No, sir." His manner of doing a civil thing civilly makes you think well of him.

There would at least be nothing against him were he to be an applicant for a job with you the following day.

Civility is most lacking in public with strangers while traveling. Most people are afraid not to be civil with people they know, which proves that they really understand how well civility is estimated.

But to strangers that will snarl or snap, merely because they happen to be out of humor, and very often when they find that the stranger later may come into their lives, they are ashamed of themselves.

Civility will not give you a job, or keep you in a job you have got. Other qualities, such as intelligence and industry are needed for that. But it will help you get a job, and it will help you keep a job. And to the man who still awaits an opportunity to show that he is capable of valuable work, it is priceless.—*National Labor.*

## TOO WELL REMEMBERED

The professor's wife had tied a string around her absent-minded husband's finger to remind him to get his hair cut. On his way home to dinner he noticed it.

"Ah, yes," he murmured, "I remember," and entering the shop he sat down before his favorits barber.

"Eh—yes, sir," said that artist, in a puzzeled tone.

"Eh—Oh yes; cut my hair, please." commanded the absent-minded one.

"Why, certainly, sir, if you wish it," said the barber. "But you won't mind my mentioning the fact that I cut it this noon, will you?"

Employer: "Why did you take down that 'Do It Now' sign hanging over your desk?"

Clerk: "I couldn't stand the way the bill collectors looked at it when I told them to call again tomorrow."

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## H. B. A. DEATH LIST

The following named persons are to be paid off in the December Board:

Willie Mae, No. 199, died November 19, 1927. Earl McNeill, president, Waynesboro, Miss.

Centy Jack, No. 114, died September 25, 1927. C. S. Hampton, president, DeKalb, Miss.

Rachel Johnson, No. 120, died October 4, 1927. John Wright, president, Poplarville, Miss.

Henry Thompson, No. 57, died November 28, 1927. Mc McLeod, president, Bassfield, Miss.

S. A. Rivers, No. 110, died November 27, 1927. J. W. Smith, president, Meridian, Miss.

L. J. Hall, No. 102, died November 22, 1927. L. J. Hall, president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Lylie Rodgers, No. 103, died November 17, 1927. A. Evans, president, Sandersville, Miss.

Lettie Steward, No. 185, died November 7, 1927. Mary D. Howard, president, Crawford, Miss.

Elizabeth Johnson, No. 5, died September 27, 1927. Frank Welch, president, Whynot, Miss.

Norah Kelly, No. 99, died October 12, 1927. W. M. Barnes, president, Seminary, Miss.

Peter Moton, No. 71, died October 23, 1927. D. H. Harper, president, D'Lo, Miss.

Chenthia Johnson, No. 160, died November 5, 1927. W. J. Tate, president, Prentiss, Miss.

Roxanna Allen, No. 165, died November 4, 1927. Prof. H. J. Green, president, Laurel, Miss.

Prince Wheeler, No. 258, died August 13, 1927. George Loming, president, Arm, Miss.

Walter Smith, No. 53, died August 15, 1927. Esau Sledge, president, Macon, Miss.

Leatha West, No. 21, died August 29, 1927. F. Ott, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

Sam Roberts, No. 54, died September 3, 1927. B. J. Morrison, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

Willie M. Washington, No. 145, died September 5, 1927. H. R. Evans, president, Enterprise, Miss.

Mary Maxie, No. 250, died September 9, 1927. Sam Freeman, president, Meridian, Miss.

Bessie Barnes, No. 23, died October 16, 1927. J. M. Thompson, president, Bassfield, Miss.

Patsy Young, No. 2, died October 16, 1927. J. F. Chappell, president, Increase, Miss.

Octavia Clayton, No. 30, died October 29, 1927. Mrs. Annie Blanks, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

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## SUMRALL, MISS.

Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper for me to let other H. B. A. friends know that H. B. A. Lodge No. 115 had its anniversary sermon preached on Sunday, October 30th, at Rodgers' Chapel C. M. E. Church, by the Rev. C. H. Hill of Bassfield, Miss., after which a program was rendered as follows:

Rev. A. L. Smith, master of ceremonies.

Opening song by Bro. J. H. Harvey, president of No. 115.

Prayer by Rev. T. B. Walker.

Song, Miss Ruby Mitchell.

Paper, Mrs. Bettie Russell. Subject, "Duty."

Duet—Mesdames Beulah Thomas and Bettie Russell.

Short talk by Bro. Will Dawson.

Solo—Mrs. Lula Even.

Talk by Rev T. B. Walker.

Solo—Mrs. Geneva Fairley.

After the program a nice collection of $30.25 was raised after which we adjourned for dinner.

J. H. HARVEY,
Pres. H. B. A. No. 115.
A. L. SMITH, Sec.

## DECEMBER BOARD ASSESSMENTS CHANGED

Dear Presidents:—

You will notice the change in the amount of December assessment. We had to change because of so many members departing this life. Please do not complain, I cannot control deaths. We just cannot let too many deaths pile up. All presidents of the lower districts must collect $1.00. All presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 must collect $1.25. I first asked that the lower districts collect 90c and the upper districts $1.00. But we had to change. I have sent your blanks and that is the amount that we must collect.

All presidents who did not make a report in September are requested to collect $1.75 Echo and publication fee from your lodge and report same at the next Board. Please bear in mind that this must be done. If you fail to do so we cannot accept your report by any means.

The Boards meet as follows: At Soso, Miss., Dec. 27, at Meridian, Miss., December 29th. We want to open up at Soso at 9 o'clock sharp. That is going to be a heavy day's work. We will have three Boards in one and we must be ready to pay off at 2 o'clock. If the presidents will be there at 9 o'clock we can take in the reports by 1 o'clock.

Please remember that it will be dangerous to be out at night during the holidays, and if you are not there on time you will be left out.

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EULA C. DONALD.

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Dear Editor:

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MRS. ELLA MAXWELL,

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The colored fair that was sponsored by J. S. Beal and others was a success at the Attraction Park a few days ago. We understand that the colored people of Meridian did not co-operate as they did at Jackson, Miss., with the same fair. The colored people of our city are not together as they should be, and especially is this true among the leading business men and the ministers. But few of our business men will work together, and the same is true among us as preachers, and yet we have more religion than anybody. We had as well face the facts. If anyone howls you may know he is hit. I think we have about 75 Negro preachers in Meridian, and we have a Ministerial Alliance that meets weekly, and we have ministers who can make "Aunt Jane lose her bonnet," and that is all. The people will never co-operate until some of us who pretend to be leaders get out of the way and let some real leaders take the stand. We cannot point to one thing that the Negro leaders of our city will do in a team-like manner. Some good things are being done in our city, but one or two leaders and the followers must do the work.

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Dear Editor: Please give space enough to say that H. B. A. Lodge No. 94 is still moving along. On August 12-13, twenty-six members were taken in; on Sept 13th nine, with the aid of our good old agent, Rev. D. H. Watson. We have been doing nicely ever since. On Thanksgiving night the members of No. 94 had a nice program conducted by Mrs. L. A. Whitehead and Mrs. Janie Heard.

C. W. BELT,
President No. 94.

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Sumrall, Miss., Nov. 22, 1927.

Rev. R. L. Young,
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Dr. Young: Your picture and letter were received with much joy, and I must say that you have made a mark in life that is worth while, and you shall have my co-operation. Now, we are having nice times in our H. B. A. Lodge No. 237. Our members are doing fine. They are praying for the H. B. A. You will find enclosed a check for $2.50 as a donation on your new church, from Progressive Lodge No. 237, of which I am president. I hope this small amount will help you very much. Now, I can truthfully say that Dr. E. F. Young, Dr. R. L. Young and Dr. I. C. Harper are the proper men at the head of the H. B. A. I must say for Dr. Harper that he can put more people in the H. B. A. than any one in this section of the state. He is the right man in the right place.

Yours for the success of the H. B. A.,

REV. G. C. WELLS.

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Dear Presidents and Friends:—

As pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church, I wish to take this method to thank you for your splendid response in sending me from 50c to $5.00 for the pictures that I sent you. May I say that I was able to make a round report at my annual conference. We had one of the best conferences that I have ever witnessed. The elders, preachers and members were in good spirit and our work for the past year was grand. I wish to say that I made the biggest report of the conference. There were other preachers whose reports were as good as mine, but none as big as mine. I can truthfully say that this report was made by all of us, for without you, I could not have done so well.

Some of you have not sent me anything for the picture that I sent you but I trust you will do so. I was returned to Meridian as pastor, and I hope to do a great work this year.

R. L. YOUNG.

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### SHUBUTA, MISS.

Dear Editor: Please give me a little space to let the many readers know that H. B. A. No. 230 is still alive and doing splendid work. We had our anniversary sermon preached on the 24th of November by Rev. J. R. Reynolds. A program was rendered as follows:

Mrs. Lizzie Dickenson, mistress of ceremonies.

Prayer by Bro. Jim Woodard.

Song by the congregation.

Welcome address by Sister Maranda Woodard.

Solo, "Mother Is Waiting at the Beautiful Gate"—Sister Mattie McGill.

Talk by Sister Leona Gilmore.

Solo—Sister Annie Rodgers.

Talk by Bro. Tillie.

Remarks by Bro. J. W. Polks.

The collection for the day amounted to $35.12.

BRO. R. H. LOFTEN,
President No. 230.
SISTER LIZIE DICKERSON, Sec.

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### LAUDERDALE, MISS.

Dear Editor: After reading about other lodges and their works, I want you to know we, too, are doing fine work. At our last meeting twelve applicants were added to our roll. At every meeting one or more applicants are added to our roll.

A. BLANKS, Reporter.

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We have just received a death notice from a local president stating that the member died in April. We wonder why that president and lodge let the June Board pass and then let the September Board pass and then send in the notice. We are not publishing this death until we see further. Something is wrong.

## WELCOME ADDRESS

Crandall, Miss.

Delivered by Miss Eula C. Donald, President of Juvenile Chapter No. 37, in behalf of No. 123's Annual H. B. A. meeting.

Most Worthy Grand President, Officers, Members and Friends:—

We wish to accord to you thanks and appreciation for your presence with smiles from a heart full of love to God and our fellow-man. With our benevolences we extend to one and all a cordial welcome.

Please accept a few sayings as a story that you might see through them the greater work that is being fostered by us here in our community at large that you may know of us and bear greetings as you go.

Esther was made queen and ruled under the king from India to Ethiopia over a hundred and twenty-seven (127) provinces, and the decree was signed for the destruction of all of her people, old and young. She sacrificed her life and saved them.

Our worthy president and guide of both departments of the H. B. A. Lodge No. 123 are proving the same. We welcome you in our midst for you are one in the number.

Just a fe wmonths ago we began with sixteen members, and our report shows about four hundred dollars that we have given to the sick and poor orphans and widows this past year.

We number fifty or more now, but still they are coming. Daily we see those that are in need; misfortune has signed a decree against them, old and young, and their cry is Help! Help! The Master said, "Visit the sick, orphans and widows, and keep yourselves unspotted from the world." We need co-operation in this great work. Our country is being polluted with many vices—gambling, drinking, desecrating the Holy Sabbath and its Holy services by buying and selling, ball playing and other games of sports of which are forbidden by the Word of God.

These are some of the works we have before us to eliminate that it might be said of us that we left our country in good shape.

We ask an entrance in your prayers.

EULA C. DONALD.

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## DEATHS

Rev. S. A. Rivers, one of our oldest citizens, and the first Negro undertaker of Meridian, died a few days ago. He was a member of H. B. A. No. 110.

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Mr. B. F. Sims, father of Mr. Geo. Sims, died a few days ago. Mr. Sims was a real business man, and we believe he was a Christian gentleman.

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Mrs. L. J. Hall of Hattiesburg, Miss. [illegible]

[illegible] 90 is yet existing. We met on Thanksgiving Day and gave thanks unto the Lord for His goodness.

Our meeting opened at 10 o'clock a. m. A welcome address by Miss Fannie McConnell, Miss P. B. Boston and others made up the program for the day, after which a nicely cooked dinner was served.

F. L. KEY, Pres.

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Laurel, Miss., Nov. 28, 1927.

Dear Editor: I wish to thank you for the beautiful picture you sent me of your new church. I think it is just lovely. I sent you one dollar on a previous date to help you make your annual conference report, for I am always willing to help you. Hope you received the $1.00.

Respectfully,

MRS. ELLA MAXWELL,
President No. 76.

## CRANDALL, MISS.

Dear Editor: Inclosed you will find $1.00 for the picture of your church, Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church. I am always glad to give for a cause of this kind. Our prayers are for your future achievements and promotion.

ANNIE L. SLAY,
President No. 123.

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## HOY, MISS.

Dear Editor: I wish to say to the many readers that we had our annual sermon preached on the first Sunday in November. The collection for the day was $6.00. We enrolled four applicants for membership.

REPORTER.

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Laurel, Miss., Nov. 24, 1927.

Dear Editor: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crosby of Hoy, Miss., are the proud parents of an eight-pound baby girl born to them on November 20. Mother and baby are doing well. Bro. Crosby is vice-president of No. 76.

REPORTER.

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Wise men are like a watch, they have open countenances enough, but don't show their works in their faces. —*Josh Billings.*

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Good nature or ill is like the loaves and fishes. The more we give away, the more we have—*John Kendrick Bangs.*

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## BACK-SEAT DRIVER

Motorist—"Got any gas that'll stop knocking?"

Oil Station Man—"Plenty of it."

Motorist—"Just hand my wife a glass here in the back seat."

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## BUT THEY'RE NICE

As often as not the doll-like maidens have sawdust in their heads.

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"Very distinguished, isn't he? But d'you know, I think I noticed a little garlic about him.

"My dear young lady, there's no such thing as a Little garlic."

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### MILK AS A FOOD FACTOR

In a letter to the New York Times Dr. W. D. Bigelow calls attention to the fact that certain canned foods are richer invitamins than are the same foods when cooked by the housewife. He also states that more liberal consumption of vegetables and fruits is desirable, and points out the advantages of getting them in canned form.

With all of this nutritional experts are in agreement, but they always include one other food with fruits and vegetables as a necessary factor in human nutrition. That food is milk, a product which may also be obtained in canned form, and which suffers practically no loss of nutritive value by such preservation. Milk is conceded to be the most nearly perfect of the foods of man, because it contains practically every one of the elements which are essential to the promotion and maintenance of good health. Scientists are agreed that every child should consume at least a quart of milk a day in some form, and that this quantity is none too much for adults.

Canned milks, like canned fruits and vegetables, have certain advantages. They are safe and cannot spread any of the communicable diseases which may be disseminated by contaminated raw whole milk or by improperly pasteurized milk. In order to condense or dry milk, high temperatures must be employed, so high, in fact, that all dangerous bacteria are killed.

The high temperatures used in the manufacture of canned milks have practically no effect on vitamins. A and B, which are thermostable. Vitamin C is destroyed in evaporated milk, but since this can readily be replaced in the diet by the use of fruit juices, which are plentiful in most modern fares, the loss is not a serious one.

Milk is milk, whether it comes from forty-quart cans, in glass bottles or in sealed fifteen-ounce tins. Only 4 per cent of the total milk supply of this country is now distributed in canned form, but the amount is increasing annually, and as the public realizes the many sanitary and economic advantages of this kind of milk the quantity will eventually equal and possibly exceed that of whole milk.

### EXPLAINED

Passenger—"Why are we so late?"

The Porter—"Well, sah, de train in front is behind and we was behind befohe besides."

### HAMPERED

"Pa, what does it mean when it says a man has arrived at years of discretion?"

"It means, sonny, that he's too young to die and too old to have any fun."

### AIN'T NO OTHER

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## H. B. A. DEATH LIST
### (Tentative)

The following named persons are to be paid off in the December Board:

Willie Mae, No. 199, died November 19, 1927. Earl McNeill, president, Waynesboro, Miss.

Centy Jack, No. 114, died September 25, 1927. C. S. Hampton, president, DeKalb, Miss.

Rachel Johnson, No. 120, died October 4, 1927. John Wright, president, Poplarville, Miss.

Henry Thompson, No. 57, died November 28, 1927. Mc McLeod, president, Bassfield, Miss.

S. A. Rivers, No. 110, died November 27, 1927. J. W. Smith, president, Meridian, Miss.

L. J. Hall, No. 102, died November 22, 1927. L. J. Hall, president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Lylie Rodgers, No. 103, died November 17, 1927. A. Evans, president, Sandersville, Miss.

Lettie Steward, No. 185, died November 7, 1927. Mary D. Howard, president, Crawford, Miss.

Elizabeth Johnson, No. 5, died September 27, 1927. Frank Welch, president, Whynot, Miss.

Norah Kelly, No. 99, died October 12, 1927. W. M. Barnes, president, Seminary, Miss.

Peter Moton, No. 71, died October 23, 1927. D. H. Harper, president, D'Lo, Miss.

Chenthia Johnson, No. 160, died November 5, 1927. W. J. Tate, president, Prentiss, Miss.

Roxanna Allen, No. 165, died November 4, 1927. Prof. H. J. Green, president, Laurel, Miss.

Prince Wheeler, No. 258, died August 13, 1927. George Loming, president, Arm, Miss.

Walter Smith, No. 53, died August 15, 1927. Esau Sledge, president, Macon, Miss.

Leatha West, No. 21, died August 29, 1927. F. Ott, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

Sam Roberts, No. 54, died September 3, 1927. B. J. Morrison, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

Willie M. Washington, No. 145, died September 5, 1927. H. R. Evans, president, Enterprise, Miss.

Mary Maxie, No. 250, died September 9, 1927. Sam Freeman, president, Meridian, Miss.

Bessie Barnes, No. 23, died October 16, 1927. J. M. Thompson, president, Bassfield, Miss.

Patsy Young, No. 2, died October 16, 1927. J. F. Chappell, president, Increase, Miss.

Octavia Clayton, No. 30, died October 29, 1927. Mrs. Annie Blanks, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

Mary Shanks, No. 278, died December 6, 1927. G. W. Sterling, president, Langsdale, Miss.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Presidents: This comes to let you know again that all new members must pay death claims just as any old member. If the new member has no policy he must pay dues and death claims just as any other member who has been in the H. B. A. for years. If any of you have a member who joins one night before the Boards meet, be sure to collect dues and death claims from him. All presidents must pay for every member that they get a policy for. Some of you have been hiding members back. You get the policies for them at the Boards but you fail to put their names on the Quarterly report blanks. We want to ask that you put every member of your lodge on the report blank who is in good standing with the local lodge. Please do not try to fool us any longer Brother————. Well I did not call your name this time, I am just waiting to see if you will try the same thing over again. Please put all members of your lodge who are in good standing with the local lodge ON YOUR REPORT BLANK. NEW AND OLD MUST BE ON THE BLANK. PRESIDENTS, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

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## BOARDS 1 AND 2 MEET AT NEWELL CHAPEL

Dear Presidents:

The Meridian Boards will meet at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church on 13th Ave. and 14th Street. We have installed a nice heating plant at a cost of $650.00 and it will be no trouble to keep warm. We feel as if those of you who have helped us so wonderfully would like to meet in our new church and enjoy the comforts of this church. All persons coming to Meridian will meet at the church instead of the building. We will do our best to accommodate all who come to Meridian. It is true that we have not been around and got homes for any because we do not know who is expecting to com to Meridian, and yet we can care for you. There will be preaching at the church on Thursday night. We are going to have one of our big H. B. A. preachers to shoot his cannon. A big time is expected at Meridian.

I am not sure as to whether we will have preaching at Soso or not, if so we will know that day.

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## NOTICE

I received a letter from one of our good presidents, Mr. J. M. Hall, Bond, Miss., stating that he lost everything he had by fire. Now, good presidents, Brother Hall is not out begging, but if any of you have anything you would like to give him, send it to him; the Lord will bless you. We don't know when we might have this same kind of trouble, and still it might be worse. Send him something and I will assure you he will appreciate it.

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## EDITORIAL

It has been some time since I have written anything special about the H. B. A., therefore I shall burden the minds of the readers with a short article. I very often wonder as to whether our people have really awakened to the fact that the H. B. A. is a life preserver. Not only is it a life preserver, but after life is out of the body the H. B. A. is there to care for that body. The H. B. A. is not only loved by the colored people but it is loved by the white. Well, in short, the white man is reaping benefits from this concern just as our people. I do not mean that he is at the Boards to get money for his deceased relatives, but he is there for other pecuniary causes. The H. B. A. does not only help the colored doctors, but the white as well. I know that there are a few local lodges that will not look after their bills as they should, but they are supposed to do so. The doctors, both white and colored, should see to it that these local lodges pay these bills. The lodge has the folk, therefore get the money when they honestly owe it. The local president will have to see to it that the lodge is run in a business way. I do not care how good your committees may be, the president will do well to know about all the business of the lodge. You just cannot turn the business in to somebody else's hand and expect a smooth sail. This does not mean that the lodge is not to know what is being done, but it means that all of you know.

Not only does the H. B. A. mean much to the white doctor, but the white undertakers are glad to bury H. B. A.'s. Why should they not be glad to bury our members? It is all cash, and any man is glad to get the cash. We are glad for our white friends to bury our members, especially where there is no Negro undertaker to send or get in touch with the relatives of the deceased. We believe it is right; the white man has helped and is still helping us as a race, and I think we must have his help and he must have our help. We are here together and we should do our best to live in peace. We must confess to this fact, the white man can get along better without us than we can get along without him. The white man owns all the banks, wholesale houses, railroads, mills, factories, etc., therefore we need him worse. And we can get what he has if we go to him in a business way.

Of course we have a few barber shops, old cars, little stores, undertakers, etc., but after all we could not run these without him. I would like to say just a word or two about the undertakers of our race. What I am saying is without prejudice whatever, and any one who reads this article, I think, will agree with me.

It is a fact that when a Negro opens up an undertaking establishment he must expect his living from the colored people. It is a known fact he cannot get his living by burying hogs, mules, dogs, etc. Therefore he must handle the bodies of Negroes if he expects to live in this business. We all know that he cannot and has no business going into the home of a white man to take the bodies of his deceased relatives in charge. There are white undertakers to do this work and they are better prepared to do it than any of our race, even if we had a right and were permitted to do so. Now, let us see. I believe every white man will agree with me that since the Negro undertaker must bury his own people or go out of business, that he (the Negro undertaker) should have the first chance at a Negro's body. In other words, if a Negro dies and a Negro undertaker can be employed, is in reach, can be gotten just as cheap, and some cheaper, the Negro undertaker should not be questioned about handling the body. I think the Negro should be given a fair chance at his own race; if he fails to get a chance at his own what will become of him? I do not want any one to get the idea that I do not favor our white friends reaping any of these benefits, for there are places where the white man must handle his race and our race also.

I do not believe a white man would object to Negroes trying to do something for themselves. I have found this to be true of the white man; any Negro who wants to do something, the white people as a rule will help him. The white man is proving that to be true each day, for every Negro concern that is doing anything is being helped by some white man or white concern. The white man of the South is our friend, and will and feels like doing more for us than any body. Let us take Meridian for example. We have both white and Negro undertakers; the white undertakers take care of whites and the colored take care of the colored. A white undertaker of our city said to a Negro some years ago when he wanted his deceased put away, "There is a Negro undertaker here, give him a chance." I think that is a fine spirit among the white people. They want to help us to help ourselves.

I know some local presidents who live out a short distance from Meridian, and they can get in touch with Negro undertakers in two minutes, and our undertakers would be glad to get the business, and should have it, but some of these presidents have not got race pride enough to help their own, therefore they run to the white man and ask him to do for them things that they should ask their own race to do. There are some Negroes who have not got backbone enough to go to a white man in a business like manner and tell him what they wont. I have

found that the Negro who crawls on his BELLY and is a regular pussy-foot does not get along as well as the Negro who has some manhood about him. I do not mean for some of you to go out and tell some white man that he has got to do thus and so. But go to him as a man and tell him that you want him to help you to do something, and nine times out of ten he will help you to do it. Suppose I lived in a small town and I needed an undertaker. I would not mind going to my white friend and asking him to call for a Negro undertaker, I want to have my deceased mother or sister, as the case might be, embalmed, and I believe he would be willing to do it. Well, suppose I needed a casket. I don't think it would be anything wrong for me to go to my white friend and tell him that I wanted a casket. I am not going to have the body embalmed, therefore I will get it from you. The white man would appreciate that and thank me for same.

There is one thing that our race is really suffering for and that is for some real men. Some one may say that we are suffering for women, but I say that we are suffering for men. We need men with courage, men with common sense, men with backbone, men with foresight, men with race pride, men who will think for themselves, men who will own homes, men who will save their money, men who are smart men. Men, Men, Men for my race!

## DOTS

The Editor visited the Central Alabama C. M. E. Conference a few days ago and reports a splendid time. Bishop Brown presides over Alabama. The Conference was well attended and the brethren were making splendid reports. Alabama is still doing big things. Of course if a pattern is wanted by any of the Conferences, come to South Mississippi. After leaving Alabama, we went to Columbus, Miss., where Bishop Cottrell was holding the Mississippi Conference. There we found Drs. H. B. Leach and D. M. Montgomery of the South Mississippi Conference. All the pastors seem to have done well during the year, and the Bishop was all smiles. We had the privilege to listen to an address delivered by Dr. Sutton E. Griggs of Memphis, Tenn. It was a masterpiece. Dr. Griggs is traveling in the interest of his race. He has some splendid books that he is selling, and eac hminister should have one.

## BOND AND RENT PAID AT BOARDS

Dear Presidents: Those of you who did not get your Rent and Bond interest at the Convention will please meet the December Boards and get what is coming to your lodge. We paid most of the presidents at the Convention in July, but some of them were not present and failed to get theirs. We notified you in the September Board that we would pay the balance at that time, but as you remember, we failed to have our book with the record.

SECRETARY.

## NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

Some of the local presidents have written me stating that they want to meet in Meridian, and some wish to meet at Soso, Miss. They state that they wish to do that because it will be of less expense to them. I wish to state that since this is Xmas and some of you are desirous of seeing some of your old friends, you may meet at whatever place you choose. Please remember that you must pay according to the district that you are in. If you are in Districts 3, 4 or 5, you are to collect $1.00 from each of your members and report same at the Boards. If you are in Districts 1 and 2, you are to collect $1.25 per member and report same at Boards. Please remember that I have not had time to secure homes at either place, therefore you will have to look out for yourself along these lines.

SECRETARY.

Braxton, Miss., Dec. 3, 1927.

Dear Editor: The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daniels on Nov. 23, and left them an 8-pound baby girl, so they were very thankful on Thanksgiving, which was the day following. Mr. Daniels is treasurer of H. B. A. Lodge No. 239.

A. G. KENNEDY, Pres.

## BURIAL MEMBER DIES

A few days ago we had a member of the H. B. A. to die. That member was a member of the H. B. A. Burial department. She had a swell casket sent her, and now an H. B. A. tombstone is on the way. The funeral expense amounted to $125.00 and the burial department took care of $85.00 of that amount. Just $40.00 to come out of the policy. That member has paid only $1.50 in the burial department. Just think about it. She got $85.00 for $1.50.

Oh, what a pity. Just suppose our local presidents had some real business about them and would do their best to get all of their members in this department. If all of our H. B. A. members were members of this department we could give a $125.00 burial beter than we can give an $85.00 burial. Well, it will take us a long time to get our people to wake up, but those of us who are leaders will have to keep trying. Every member who died this quarter should have been a member of this department. That would make all of the relatives get more money. WAKE UP LOCAL PRESIDENTS, YOU ARE SLEEPING ON YOUR JOBS.

## BOND, MISS.

Dear Rev. Young: I wish to say through The Echo to all of my friends that we lost our home by fire. We will be thankful for anything our friends desire to give.

J. M. HALL,
President No. 198.

## DALEVILLE, MISS.

Dear Editor: I received the beautiful picture of your church. The members of my lodge said, "Rev. R. L. Young is some hero." The storms may come and the wind may blow, but you grow stronger and stronger. Your branches are strong enough for 5,000 people to rest thereon.

A. L. BROWN,
President No. 122.

Prentiss, Miss., Dec. 12, 1927.

Rev. R. L. Young,

Meridian, Miss.

My Dear Rev. Young:

I am most happy to state to you and my friends in general that I am now an enthusiastic member of the H. B. A., being a member of Prentiss Lodge.

It is marvelous how you have presented the public with such a unique and elaborate program, and best of all, what I have seen in this community will convince the most skeptical that the Holbrook Association is one organization functioning with a race leader who stands for the right with every one.

I have watched with intense interest the management of the H. B. A., and rejoice in the fact that I am only able to speak in the highest terms of its mode of handling the contracts.

If I am ever in Meridian I shall be most happy to run around to see you and have a "chat" in general, as it is always a source of gratification to me to converse with a man who through honesty and grit has made such a monument for our people.

Trusting that the future holds for you nothing but success of the most gratifying sort, and that the Yuletide season will be copious of joy and happiness, I am

Very truly yours,

ANSELM J. FINCH.

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### NOTICE

Dear Presidents:

If it happens that some of you who are in the lower districts have $1.25 on your report blanks it is just an error on my part. All local presidents in the lower districts are to collect $1.00 per member and all in the upper districts are to collect $1.25. Please watch the Echo. You will remember the assessment has been changed from the first notice in the Echo.

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All presidents who did not make a report in September are requested to collect $1.75 Echo and publication fee from your lodge and report same at the next Board. Please bear in mind that this must be done. If you fail to do so we cannot accept your report by any means.

The Boards meet as follows: At Soso, Miss., Dec. 27, at Meridian, Miss., December 29th. We want to open up at Soso at 9 o'clock sharp. That is going to be a heavy day's work. We will have three Boards in one and we must be ready to pay off at 2 o'clock. If the presidents will be there at 9 o'clock we can take in the reports by 1 o'clock.

Please remember that it will be dangerous to be out at night during the holidays, and if you are not there on time you will be left out.

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### GULFPORT, MISS.

Dear Editor: Here we are again $6.00 strong. We are planning to come to Soso on the 27th to make a round report in order to bring the Board to Gulfport in March.

REV. E. L. FOX, Agent.

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